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## EL PASO'S WEEKLY BUDGET

Transcontinental Railways Are Doing a Heavy Passenger Business This Season.

## MANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT CAPTAIN

Visitor Learns the Hopes While Openly "Dodging" the Custom Laws—Lucky Not to Run Against the Film-Flammers.

THE NEWS EL PASO BUREAU, January 31, 1900.

Billy Wilson, the popular resident agent for the Armour packing house, of Kansas City and Chicago, is in the city, having returned from Arizona, where he had been in the interests of the company. He reports that there are 5,000 people there from the east who were attracted there by the diligent and intelligent advertising done by that city's Chamber of Commerce. He also reports that the coming season looks rather gloomy for the farmers and fruit growers owing to the failure of either rain or snow in the northern part of the territory this winter.

The transcontinental railroads, the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific, are doing a heavy passenger traffic this winter. This applies only to the regular trains and not to the bi-weekly limited fast trains.

A great deal of enquiries are being made by strangers about the Captain and White Oaks region. If one-tenth of the people go up there this year who have been asking questions about these places, you may expect a large increase in population before January, 1901.

Mr. William Konold, of New Haven, Connecticut, sojourned a few days last week in El Paso. He is seeking climate for the benefit of his wife's health. He is heading for Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been advised to take his wife by eastern friends, who had read the glowing account that Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune had published in that place as a winter resort. Mr. Konold had an experience in this city which distressed him, and was most painful for his debilitated wife. As is usual with all eastern people who visit this place, he and his wife visited Juarez, across the river. He met a gentleman who had been in the custom service of the government. The acquaintances formed merged into friendship, and as a token of the same, Mr. Konold's new made friend presented him with a bottle of fine brandy (French imported). The friend told him to carry it openly and not to try to evade or dodge the custom collectors as they would not molest him. So he, while entering the United States on a street car, had the bottled imported goods on his lap in plain view of the inspector, who invariably enters the car, scrutinizes the passengers and exclaims in a loud tone of voice, "Have you any dutiable goods?" There being no response, he took a second glance and espied the bottle, which he immediately seized, and placed in his pocket.

Mr. Konold and detained the bottle as a pretty kettle of fish. He tried to explain to the official, but the officer would listen to no explanations; he was going to discharge his duty. He was inexorable. The pleadings of Mr. K. and the tears of his wife failed to touch the officer. The collector of customs, Mose Dillon, was phoned by the inspector of what had taken place, and Dillon had Mr. K. brought to his office in the custom house. There things were explained to the satisfaction of the government and Mr. K. was "turned loose." Mr. Konold in speaking of the experience said that it was the first time in his life that he had ever been restrained of his liberty, but that he did not mind that so much as witnessing the distress of his wife. He is a most estimable gentleman, has been sheriff of his home county for years, is wealthy as a result of a successful business life from which he has retired, is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Order of the Mystic Shrine. Fred Heinlein, the architect, and a Shriner, to whom he was relating his troubles, consoled him by assuring him that he was lucky. "Lucky," ejaculated Konold, "what the hell do you mean?" "I mean," said Fred, "you're lucky that you did not fall into the hands of an El Paso bunco steerer. They wouldn't have done a thing to you!"

MINING MATTERS.  
The Desobridora Mining company, at Maptim, Mexico, was very much in evidence this week. The company's officials, in the persons of Mr. C. F. Jones and the Hon. David Gough, late of Arizona, were here doing business. In the first place the company placed an order for two large water jacket furnaces, and later were after coal. They tried to get a supply of Captain coal, under contract, but failed owing to pre-existing arrangements that the Captain Coal company had entered into. They received what they wanted, however, from the Colorado Fuel and Iron com-

pany. Mr. Jones is the vice-president and Mr. Gough is the general manager of the Desobridora Mining company. The personnel of this company is composed of but four gentlemen, sending all of the stock, viz: E. Cooper Shapley, president; C. F. Jones, vice-president; Otto Wolf, treasurer, and David Gough, general manager. They own 4,000 pertenencias (mining claims) and have been operating a smelting plant that reduces over 350 tons of ore daily. With the two new furnaces that the El Paso Foundry and Machine company are now making, the reduction capacity will exceed over 1,000 tons per day. Mr. Jones belongs in Philadelphia, Pa., and is one of those gentlemen with whom it is a pleasure to meet. He left Tuesday for Maptim, which is in the state of Durango. Mr. Gough went to Arizona on a social visit. The product of the smelting plant, which is copper matte, is disposed of to the Agua Calientes company. That company has, in Mexico, one of the finest besommer plants in the world, through which the crude matte is converted into pure copper.

IT IS SETTLED.  
The case of the Dragoon Mining company against Gen. E. Fitzgerald has finally been settled. The contention was an injunction suit that grew out of the controversy that originally began in Arizona, the details of which, previous, appeared last summer in the news columns of the Herald and the Graphic of this city. The Herald reported an interview had with Mr. Geo. A. Jacobs of the Dragoon Mining company, New York capitalist. The Graphic published a statement made to it by Scott White, sheriff of Cochise county, Arizona, which was diametrically opposite to that of the Herald. Both of the newspaper reports appeared on the same day (both were afternoon papers). Many people in El Paso, as is the rule generally among intelligent newspaper readers, when a reasonable story is told, readily saw through the move to injure Mr. Fitzgerald's reputation (I quote this from a prominent citizen) as a competent mining man and as a conscientious promoter of mining investments.

The true inwardness of the affair has never been told to any one for publication. The writer has endeavored to draw out Mr. Fitzgerald, but he always declined to discuss the matter. Whenever the subject was touched he acted like a man who was laboring under mental worry from an act of injustice done him—especially is this true when the suit, which was settled Monday finally and forever, was instituted.

In order to understand that, it ought to be stated that the nearest he ever referred to the matter was in a declaration that he made when the suit disposed of Monday, was begun.

Said he: "The filing of these injunction proceedings in the face of a clear contract, in terms of the sale of the mining property that I made to the Dragoon company, appears to me as an effort to discredit my integrity. Therefore I court the fullest investigation."

"I regret, however, that the matter has been dragged into the courts. I was ambitious to have a smelter built in this city and was exercising my best endeavors to that end, I see such a splendid opportunity for capital to make a successful investment. I saw a ripe opening to advance, to a certain degree, the progress that El Paso is making to attain a sure and permanent position as a magnificent city through the mining industry. Denver never had a better chance than El Paso has, everything considered, as a smelting and refining business center. Every railroad that enters this city comes from and through vast mineral fields and coal lands. And El Paso is a natural location for an industry of great magnitude in that line. I had been working on the smelter proposition for some time, and I wish to say without violating any rule of modesty, that I was in a fair way to bring it about, when I was balked by the institution of these suits. I have nothing more to say until the courts are through."

On Monday last, Messrs. M. S. Stewart, of the First National bank, and John S. Aikin, who were appointed auditors by Judge Walthal, of the district court, to adjust the accounts in dispute, made known what their report would be to the court, Judge Walthal being absent, which had to be accepted by Mr. Jacobs for the Dragoon company, and the amount involved, some \$8,000, was paid over to Mr. Fitzgerald.

In line with your instructions, I forbear from making comments on such matters; however, it is permissible to cite the fact that the courts of both Arizona and Texas have maintained and declare by their judgments that Geo. E. Fitzgerald was right and did nothing reprehensible in the premises. Now this matter is settled, it is hoped that these conflicting parties will be enabled to see their way clear to an amicable understanding, come together and put their shoulders to the wheel, join forces, as it were, and build a smelter at this place.

Canned goods, provisions, groceries, dry goods and clothing, hats, caps, boots and shoes, the largest stock in the southern part of the territory, carried by R. H. Pierce & Co.,—First stationery at Rhombert's, P. O. block.

## MANY PURCHASE FRUIT LANDS

Citizens Show Their Faith in the Town and Arrange to Improve Acre Tracts.

## BUY FOR SPECULATION AND HOMES

The Market for Fruit and Garden Truck Constantly Growing—Land Self-Sustaining After Third Year—Will Beautify the Town.

A great many Alamogordians have within the past week purchased tracts of land from the Alamogordo Improvement company and will have them set out and improved. From a speculative standpoint, the citizens of the town could not go into a better scheme. The time is soon coming when a great many people will seek homes here for the purpose of improving their health. The tracts which are set out with trees for orchards will prove most attractive as residence spots for the newcomers and those who buy now, will have an opportunity to sell later at fancy prices.

Aside from the real estate speculative feature, those who continue as fruit growers will realize a handsome profit from the orchards after the third year—in fact sufficient to enable them to live in comfort without other support. Fruit raising here is no experiment. The soil is peculiarly adapted to that branch of husbandry, an abundance of water is assured and the market will

## REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Meets and Proclaims Its Choice for Members of the Territorial Committee.

## TO INVESTIGATE THE BUREAU.

Nearly Two Hundred Thousand Pension Claims Rejected Last Year—Wants a Change.

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The building, just completed, is a magnificent two-story affair, constructed of red brick and finished with Alamogordo marble.

The massive safe, from Mosler & Co., Cincinnati, O., is one of the best burglar and fire proof safes ever manufactured. It is steel lined throughout and is fitted with two money chests, each chest with double combination and time locks. The outside door is of heavy chrome steel with elaborate bolt work and pressure bars. The outer door is also supplied with a time lock. These time locks cannot be opened by any one until the mechanism releases. The safe is indeed a monster affair, huge in proportions and complete in every detail.

Card of Thanks.  
Through the columns of your paper I wish to thank the good people of Alamogordo for their kind treatment of me. After being the recipient of so many favors at their hands, they now come, irrespective of denomination, and bring me under a renewed feeling of gratitude by the presentation of a fine black suit of clothes. My friends, it is impossible for me to express my feelings. I am both thankful and happy. Thankful for the present and happy to know that you feel such an interest in me. May God bless each of you is the prayer of your friend,  
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## WILL BETTER THE NATIONAL GUARD.

War Revenue Act Will Never Be Repealed. New Three Cent Pistols to Be Issued—Fortress Monroe Artillery School.

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The war revenue act is liable to stay on the books indefinitely. Representative Hopkins, of the ways and means committee, when asked whether his committee would take any action toward the amendments of the law, replied: "The law will be difficult to overhaul at this session, and I doubt whether anything of a material nature will be done." The majority of the committee is understood to be in opposition to any change in the law. The belief is growing that the act will never be repealed.

The surgeon general of the army has recommended the appointment of a board of medical officers to make an exhaustive investigation of tropical diseases, in order to determine their causes and the method of treatment. This action is taken on the theory that it will be necessary to maintain garrisons of United States troops in the Philippines and Puerto Rico for a long time to come. Major Walter Reed, surgeon, now on duty in the surgeon general's office in this city, will be president of the board.

While nearly all of the three-cent nickel pieces have been collected in the treasury, Representative Berry wants a new form for those now out. Recently, he introduced a measure which provides that the future weight of these coins shall be forty grains Troy, and they shall be of the same diameter as the one-cent pieces, but they shall have a round hole in the center one-quarter of an inch in diameter. On one side there are to be thirteen stars and on the reverse the inscription: "United States of America," and figures designating the value of the coin.

The strongest sort of an effort will be made in congress this year to provide for bettering the militia of the country. At present, the United States appropriates only \$400,000 a year for the equipping of all the states. This is just about half of the annual cost of a single cavalry regiment. If more money were supplied, the militia could be organized on the same basis of equipment as the regular army, thus avoiding hereafter the mass of complicated details that fell upon the government when the war with Spain was begun. An effort to appropriate a million dollars last year met with failure, but it is hoped that the result will be more favorable this year.

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