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## TO LAY THE CORNER STONES

Of New Mexico Baptist College, Public School and New Baptist Church.

## WITH FULL MASONIC CEREMONIES.

Sacramento Lodge of Masons Organized A Big Day for Alamogordo—Prominent Masons in Attendance—Program for Friday.

On Thursday and Friday, September 6 and 7, impressive ceremonies will be held in Alamogordo, attending the organization of the Sacramento Masonic lodge, and the laying of the corner stones of the New Mexico Baptist College, the Alamogordo public school building and the new Baptist church, with Masonic ceremonies. The Masonic lodges of Edley, White Oaks, Las Cruces and Roswell have received special invitations to attend the organization meeting and assist in performing the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stones of the above mentioned buildings.

Elias F. Day, grand master, Las Cruces; Professor Seamon, grand lecturer, El Paso; E. C. S. part, past grand master, El Paso; W. W. Rose, past grand master, White Oaks; E. A. Cahoon, past grand master, Albuquerque; and J. M. G. Albuquerque, past grand master, Albuquerque.

legitimate vote of Alamogordo had depreciated 40 per cent since their school election—the Democratic candidate then only receiving 152 votes, they are now wondering how that elastic vote was increased instead of diminished.

Democrats in this neck of woods are not to be sneered over by goody, goody talk, while their successful rivals (up to date) are standing in the background chuckling over their method of 'honorable' treatment and 'how it was done.' The Twin says if Sanders had announced himself earlier he would have had no opposition. This is all stuff, Alamogordo had everything cut and dried, the slate was made up two months ago, and a Tularosa candidate had about as much chance to receive the nomination as a snowball in hades. They were determined to secure enough votes to offset the majorities against them in the other precincts, so they made their 'arrangements' accordingly.

The worldly Twin is trying to square things up in Tularosa (or the Alamogordo county ticket, and pour oil on the troubled waters, but as our candidates feel sore and justly indignant at the 'strategic' means resorted to in the Alamogordo primary, it will be sometime before the breach is closed and the good political feeling the same that has heretofore existed between the two towns.—Tularosa Democrat.

## ASK FOR INJUNCTION.

Case of the Alamogordo Improvement Company vs. A. Swindler.

Hon. W. A. Hawkins, Attorney A. C. Good, of Alamogordo, and Judge A. B. Fall, of Las Cruces, were before Judge Mills of the Fifth judicial district of New Mexico at Las Vegas, Saturday, to ask for an injunction against A. Swindler, president of the Alamogordo Improvement company, who is asking for an injunction preventing the laying of a saloon on a lot owned by the company.

The company represents the Lincoln C. Good School in this county, and Judge Swindler, defendant, A. Swindler, contains to him with either to sell

## "ROOF GARDEN" OF TEXAS.

D. Dudley Bryan, City Editor of The Houston Post, Describes Cloudercroft.

## DESCRIPTION OF JOURNEY THERE.

Scenery Is Described As Being Surprisingly Beautiful—Five Thousand Texans Will Make the Trip Next Summer.

D. Dudley Bryan, city editor of the Houston Post, was a visitor at Cloudercroft during the latter part of August, and in the issue of August 19 of the Post, describes the Breathing Spot and the trip there as follows:

"The Cloudercroft region is a veritable garden of ungarnered hues for the scientific, poetic and speculative mind. From El Paso to Alamogordo the region traversed resembles the brown plain country of Western Texas—a flat, unproductive and cheerless waste, cut by occasional waterways, which only furnish sufficient moisture to insure crop cultivation on narrow strips of land.

Alamogordo gives a striking example of the possibilities in Western town building, when capital, backed by energy and luck, determines to succeed. The place was founded June 7, 1898, and now has 2,000 population, the county seat, two saw mills, each with a capacity for manufacturing 100,000 feet of lumber per day, railway shops, general offices of the El Paso & Northeastern and Alamogordo & Sacramento Mountain railways, a box factory, planing mill, a National bank, a park one mile long, four churches, three newspapers, an ice factory, 10,000 shade trees, electric light system, water system, presidential class postoffice, \$15,000 public school building, public library, commercial club, women's club and an aggregation of fine residences and brick store buildings that would be a credit to any city. The Lincoln Baptist association desire to emulate the example successfully set in various places, and has begun the construction of a \$100,000 college there.

Estimated that the payrolls of the Alamogordo and railways distribute from \$35,000 to \$40,000 per month in Alamogordo. On leaving this active frontier town, the steel trail to the heavens leads the passenger through a mountainous country, picturesque beyond compare. Settling close to the overhanging layers of towering rock creations are pretty the Mexican hamlets, the adobe walls of the houses being sheltered by great cotton-woods, single trees of which afford from fifty to seventy-five feet of shade.

Tranches of fruit laden orchards and meadows extend from the mountainous country, furnishing a picturesque pastoral quiet charming to behold.

It is said that engineers pronounce the "cloud climbing route" the triumph of Nineteenth century standard gauge railway building. A succession of sinuous windings exceeding 30 degrees curvature and of grades varying from 3 to 5 1-2 per cent are the chief physical characteristics of the road. At times the engineer seems to tower above the passenger coaches, and the phenomenal loops and curves makes it possible for one to examine from the rear car the minutest details of the mechanism in the engine cab.

Cautiously climbing along the rock-bound canyon sides spanning dizzy ravines, over flung trestled conceptions of the road builder's brain. In less than fourteen miles the train reaches an elevation of 6,300 feet, from which point the scenery comprises some of the most beautiful effects of desert expanse, valley verdure and mountain ruggedness. The range of vision extends to the west, north and south, from fifty to 250 miles embracing "snow-clad" mountain peaks, protruding from a wilderness of pine and fir, ragged volcanic upheavals, flanked by black lava beds and white desert sands, and brown plains, strewn with the silvery threads of water courses. From the elevated points of vantage along the route is seen Sierra Blanca mountain, the Pike's Peak of New Mexico, 300 feet higher than the Pike's Peak of Colorado, its bald or snow-crowned crest majestically rising from a clump of smaller mountains, which look like sand domes, in comparison. At intervals the world famous White Sands desert, a vast bed of snow white granulated gypsum, from forty to fifty miles in length by ten to twenty miles in width, can be discerned, its tossing, ever shifting and billowy surface needing but the tall masts and broad bulk of a ship to complete an oceanic illusion.

The kodak enthusiast invariably reaps a harvest of rare pictorial gems along the route. The "Hazel Kirk" mill, built in the early sixties as a community affair (the community embracing several hundred miles area) is never overlooked. A broad sheet of water emanating from an aqueduct flowing along the canyon side near the top of the mill, splashes down on the ragged dry colors into the cooling stream below, and the pretty globules of water sparkling and reflecting all of the hues of nature gives the appearance of a beautiful rainbow ground out by the wheels of the old mill. The mouth of Canon Cañon, an impassable, precipitous cleft in the rocks, its bottom never having witnessed the sun's rays, covered with the mold and moss of countless ages and its sides mottled with the dark openings of caves containing underground lakes and marvels unexplored, is another object for the photographer. Spion Kop, from which can be obtained a superb geographical map of the road, Bridal Veil Falls, the Switch Back, Reverse Curve Bridge and Scenic Point are localities which are considered the "stock" scenic attractions for the cursory visitor and kodaker. From the latter place one can see a distance of 200 miles, objects on the White Sands desert and Tularosa valley, one mile vertically below, being distinctly visible.

While Cloudercroft is only twenty-six miles from Alamogordo, the altitudes of the two places are 9000 and 4220 feet above sea level respectively, hence it will be noted that the railway climbs almost one mile in the air while traversing the twenty-six miles.

The climate of Cloudercroft is all that could be desired, the thermometer rarely registering above 72 or lower than 30 degrees in summer. The heavy growth of the pine, fir, oak and aspen trees gives perpetual shade, and sunny clearings are luxuries eagerly sought for and always taken into consideration by summer home builders.

Wild flowers, ferns and berries grow on all sides in endless variety and profusion and one who desires can become again a child of nature and roam about on exploration tours in utter disregard of chaperonage and with perfect safety. Excellent gravelled walks have been provided around Cloudercroft proper and many miles of mountain drives extend in all directions from the resort.

The golf links, tennis courts and baseball grounds in Zenith park are being liberally patronized this season and other forms of healthful outdoor recreation are being added by the management. During the evenings the guests congregate in the spacious pavilion and indulge in dancing or listen to free concerts. Sundays are devoted to Divine worship and sacred concerts.

As originally considered, Cloudercroft was merely a pleasure resort but this year has demonstrated that it is an especially desirable location for health seekers, the balsam-laden air, dense and cooling shade and equable temperature proving a panacea for all the minor ills that the flesh is heir to.

## THE PIONEER'S COLUMN.

A ranchman from near Weed came down town last week and after disposing of his farm produce, dropped into Laurie & Frazier's store, where the ever affable "Laurie" greeted him with the query:

"Well, what can I do for you today?"

"I've been readin' in the paper that you've got refrigerators for sale," replied the ranchman.

"Yes, we handle the best refrigerator on the market. There are several brands, but our Century refrigerators give the most satisfaction of any for the money."

"Well, I'd like to keep things cool, air they've heated the husbandman."

"Certainly. However, you must not store your axle grease or oil in the same compartments with the butter and milk or they will taste bad."

"No, I meant the reverse. The strong materials will impart their flavor to the butter and milk."

"Well, duggone my buttons, of that kind a wonderful machine! As the feller sez: what won't they be gettin' up next? Guess I'll take that one."

Twelve dollars changed hands with circus ticket wagon rapidity, and the farmer proudly drove away with his purchase.

Yesterday, the urbane Jim stood in the store doorway smiling like a mountain sunrise and rubbing his hands gleefully as he watched a wagon coming down the mountain side—"Another customer," he muttered. "The mountain trade is looming up."

Jim was happier than usual. He bubbled over with the good humor that comes only to a man who has put up a successful political job or sold a couple of grandsons for three dollars. Overhead the sun rolled majestically across the blue vault of heaven, its fierce rays curling the edges of the cottonwood leaves as they were spun and wove under the gentle touch of the soft southern breeze. Afar off on the plain, a long, slender spire of dust swept gracefully westward, an eddying air current from a mountain canon stretching the misty cloud to the parapets of paradise. A white dove flashed through the emerald foliage lining the roadway, its glittering pinions shedding a glorious sheen on the sun-browned earth. A boy, barefooted and in knee breeches, trudged ankle deep in the dust as he wended his way to the "shack" with a can in his hand. Nothing was lacking in the scene to express the quintessence of pastoral quiescence and peaceful mellifluousness.

Jim shaded his eyes with his hands and watched the approaching vehicle. "I'll be switched, if it ain't that fellow bringing back the refrigerator," he gasped.

"The farmer drove up to the sidewalk and shouted 'Whoa!' to his bony team. 'Here, take this consarned thing out. It ain't worth a tinker's darn, and I don't want it,' he said savagely.

"Why—why! What's the matter with it?" Jim stammered.

"Didn't you say it would keep meat fresh?"

"Yes."

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"Well, I've tried it and it won't keep nuthin' cold and fresh."

"But," expostulated Jim, "I don't see what the matter can be. Those refrigerators are warranted. There must be something wrong. How much ice did you use?"

"Ice! Ice! Why gosh blast my picture! You didn't say nuthin' about ice! I bought the refrigerator becuz you sed it wud keep things fresh and cool. There haint no ice within twenty mile o' my place."

Jim sorrowfully handed back twelve dollars and with a "G'lang there!" the farmer and his bony horses and creaking wagon started on their homeward journey.

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Premium on U. S. Bonds 243.56 National Bank Notes outstanding 12,500.00  
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc. 35,314.45 Deposits 87,207.72  
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The new public school building, which is to cost \$10,000, is another great step in the progress of Alamogordo, and will be one of the most complete and finest equipped institutions of its kind in the Territory.

The Baptist church building will cost \$2,000 and will be one of the prettiest edifices in Alamogordo.

New Time Card.  
A new time card went into effect at 12:01 a. m. Sunday on the White Oaks route. No. 2 from the north now arrives at Alamogordo at 1:00 p. m. and departs at 4:30 p. m. No. 1 from the south arrives in Alamogordo at the same time as formerly, 2:30 p. m. and departs at 3:00 p. m. The trains now meet at Dog Canon at 1:58 p. m. instead of at Alamogordo. No. 2 leaves Captain at 8:45 a. m. and arrives at El Paso at 6:10 p. m., shortening the time fifty minutes, while No. 1 leaves El Paso at 10:30 in the morning, arriving at Captain at 8:00 p. m., thus gaining thirty minutes on the run between these places.

Cleaning, pressing and repairing at the new tailor shop on Tenth street, next to First National Bank. McGarry & Reiss.