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ANOTHER GOOD MEETING

Prof. Walters and I. B. Bradford Give Addresses.

PROPOUND A FEW KNOTTY QUESTIONS

Last Saturday the farmers and their wives met in the club room and spent another hour or two in a profitable exchange of ideas regarding the mode of farming and the things to raise in this valley. I. B. Bradford who recently bought a part of the M. Phillips ranch north of town, gave a very encouraging address. Mr. Bradford manages 7000 acres of land in Wisconsin and is a man of good business judgment. He says that the success of this valley as a great farming community is a matter of only a short time. He expects to meet with discouragements as the settlers in all new countries have done but the end will more than pay for the trouble.

The following is a brief and in fact unfair report of Prof. Walters' address at the farmers' meeting last Saturday, we should like very much to publish the entire article but space forbids. Mr. Walters said:

"If we fail in the race of life, our failure is nearly always attributable to a non-observance of the laws of nature—a lack of harmony with environment which causes one-sided development.

"Man is supposed to have dominion over the lower animals—over the external world. But has he? In theory only. After thousands of years of so-called civilization man is far from that proud position. His dominion is nominal only—a latent possibility. Yet here are the forces that will enable him to banish most of the physical and mental sickness from the world, to avert storms, to produce rain, to navigate the air, to communicate with his friend at a distance without any other means than psychic force, make the animal and vegetable worlds his servants and to make himself indeed the master of all material things—if he will but employ these forces. This is no day-dream. The time is coming when men will do all of these things—and thousands more that now seem impossibilities.

"But how can we subdue, control and direct the forces of nature when we are ignorant of nature herself?

"To no class of doers, workers and conquerors is this question more pertinent than to the farmers, ranchmen and orchardists—especially in New Mexico. We are face to face with stern, inexorable nature. But it is her veil only that gives her such a stern appearance. Like all females she delights to be conquered—if the conquest is along her own lawful lines.

"In the good time coming we will cease to call memory education. We will teach our children to think rather than memorize—to observe nature rather than memorize what others have written about it. We will have our children deal with things rather than words. We will learn nature and how to utilize her force.

"What will develop within us more force of character—that power that conquers the world—that power that determines whether men shall be physical, mental and moral weaklings or physical, mental and moral giants.

"Whenever the farmers demand better methods of education for their children, the new education will come.

"No one is too old to commence and follow this elevating work. Observe. Make notes. Record your work. Note the time of the arrival of the bluebirds each spring and their departure in the fall. Keep the same records of other migratory birds. Try to learn what birds and insects are enemies and friends. If you see an insect that appears to be attacking fruit or vegetables, be sure it is injuring it and not feasting on some other insect or fungus enemy. Even if you discover nothing new, you will have knowledge at first hands. It will not be hearsay. It will bring you into sympathy with, and understanding of, your surroundings. If you become thoroughly interested in such work, you will not grow old. You can not long remain unhappy. You have something to think about besides the 'vileness of man' and the 'ills of life.'

"Let me propound a few questions—all of which are vital to the conquest before us:

1. "Why do cattle get up near midnight, turn around and lie down on a different side?"
2. "Which side do cows lie on during the first half of the night?"
3. Why do cocks crow, and all domestic fowls make a noise near the middle of the night?"
4. "What is the difference between a bug and a beetle?"
5. "Between a butterfly and a moth? A deer and an antelope?"
6. "Why are there seal marks on the legs of a horse? A mule? A donkey?"
7. "Why are some flowers one color and some another?"
8. "Why do most fruits change color when they ripen?"

"We will leave these questions for a future meeting."

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM IN ALAMOGORDO

This week a new real estate firm has gotten into the field and are out for business. The members of the firm will be Keller, Milton and Shuler, they will be located in the office of J. Q. Grant on Tenth street.

These people are new men in this vicinity but there is an old saying that it takes new blood to keep things going.

Mr. Shuler is one of the Virginia colony which recently landed here. The members of this company certainly demonstrated that they have faith in the valley by the way they bought land. Mr. Shuler evidently thinks that if it is good enough to buy it is good enough to sell.

J. D. Renfro, who came to this city last November for his health, died Wednesday morning. He was a man of middle age and leaves a wife and two children besides a brother to mourn his loss. The funeral was held Thursday and the body buried in the Alamo cemetery.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS

Delegates Elected to Territorial Convention at Silver City.

SUGGEST REASONABLY LATE CONVENTION

The Republican county convention which met at the court house in Alamogordo, 2 p. m. March 18, was a very quiet and harmonious meeting. Precincts 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 were not represented. The committee on resolutions of which J. M. Hawkins was chairman made the following report which was adopted.

We the delegated representatives of the Republicans of Otero county in convention assembled are gratified that the country has for president an executive with courage to expose and check rapacious combinations and greedy aggressors against the interests of the people, and to use to the utmost his official and moral influence for the public welfare.

Regretting that the determination of President Roosevelt will prevent, continuation of that executive in office, it is our firm belief that the statesman most available for the presidency by past training, temperament, general qualities and close identification and approval of the wise and fearless policies that have prevailed during the present Republican administration, is Hon. Wm. H. Taft of Ohio.

We declare that the territory of New Mexico is most fortunate in having as its representative in the National congress Hon. W. H. Andrews, who has accomplished results justly beneficial to individuals and to the public at large in New Mexico, to a far greater extent than was ever done by other delegates, and we recognize that his unequalled influence with members of his party is a fortunate and effective fact.

We take pleasure in commending the zeal, honesty and success of Governor George Curry in his labor for all that is best for the people of New Mexico, and especially for his work in bringing to a focus the sentiment of the people in favor of statehood, in such a manner that congress must see the wisdom of yielding and soon place New Mexico on an equality with all American commonwealths.

We desire to point to the fact that Republican nominees for public offices in Otero county, and local legislative districts, during terms past and passing, have been faithful to their trust to the fullest extent.

We rejoice that of the large increase of desirable citizenship in the territory, a fair proportion, is falling to Otero county and we realize that such excellent citizens as have recently come to this county will add to the material and moral welfare of the community.

We the committee on resolutions kindly recommend that our delegates to territorial convention bear these facts in mind.

The following delegates were elected to attend the territorial convention at Silver City Saturday, March 21: H. H. Major, J. M. Hawkins, W. D. Tipton, C.

P. Downs and D. M. Sutherland as delegate at large.

The matter of organization for the coming campaign was talked over thoroughly, it seemed to be the choice of those present to hold a late convention. There being no further business the convention adjourned.

At the primary held by the Republicans in this precinct last Saturday the following delegates were elected to the county convention March 18: C. P. Downs, H. H. Major, A. N. Herbert, W. E. Carmack, J. D. Clements, O. G. Cady, Roy Prentice, J. J. Hill, B. F. Wooten and Messrs. Kerr and Frost.

FOXWORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY SOLD

This week the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber company sold their yard in this city and the one at Tularosa to the McRae Lumber company which is a company composed of several of the leading men of this section. The new company is to be incorporated at once and we are informed that Mr. McRae, Dr. Gilbert and Oliver Lee, will be the principal stockholders. The company will be incorporated at \$16500 and stock will be at \$1.10. The yard heretofore run by McRae will be moved to the Foxworth-Galbraith location and the expense of two yards will be cut in two, thereby enabling the new firm to make bed rock prices.

HALF OF TEXAS COMING TO NEW MEXICO

This week we received a communication from J. M. Warren, editor of the Lipan Texas Register in which he asks for information concerning this great valley. He says that it looks to him as though half of Texas will move out here during the coming spring and summer. Well if those who come are anything like those who are already here from that territory we can certainly give them a cordial welcome. We wish Bro Warren were here now to enjoy our spring weather, to sample the finest flavored spring vegetables on earth and to get a touch of the enthusiasm and spirit which is abroad in our land. Even then he couldn't do the country justice, he can not do it half justice without seeing it.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 DESIGNATED, ARBOR DAY

Gov. Curry has designated Friday, March 22, as Arbor day in New Mexico, and this day is a legal holiday in the schools of the territory provided it be observed in planting trees or appropriate exercises. President Roosevelt has the following to say in the matter of forest preservation:

"A people without children would face a hopeless future; a country without trees is almost as hopeless; forests which are so used that they can not renew themselves will soon vanish, and with them all their benefits. A true forest is not merely a store house full of wood, but, as it were, a factory of wood, and at the same time a reservoir of water. When you help to preserve our forests or to plant new ones you are acting the part of good citizens."

DISTRICT COURT DOINGS

Past Week Has Been Busy One, Eight Cases Decided.

BOTH CRIMINAL CASES DECIDED

The past week has been a reasonably busy one in court, in the criminal case against Frank Burlin alias Frank Brown, the defendant plead guilty to second degree murder, the sentence was deferred on account of a question as to his sanity. In the case of Territory vs. W. Landeville, the defendant was sentenced to one year in the pen, but the sentence was suspended during good behavior. J. A. Cooper vs. F. B. Hilburn, a case in which a horse was replevined was decided in favor of Cooper. The James Bute vs. Jas. H. Laurie case was dismissed with costs to the plaintiff. In the case where Alice White sued J. P. Saulsbury for services for keeping child the verdict was for the defendant. Frank Beach received judgment for something like \$700 against the New Mexico Land and Dev. Co., and the case of Rosalio Baldonado vs. Michael McDonald is on trial as we go to press.

LAS VEGAS MERCHANTS' SUGAR BEET TEST

The Las Vegas merchants have raised enough money to cultivate 50 acres of sugar beets. The plan is to have each merchant back the enterprise for one or more acres and should it prove profitable the merchant is the winner. We understand from the article in the Optic that the test is to be with dry farming, at least the dry farmers are to do the work.

TERRITORIAL G. A. R. MEETING AT ALAMO

This week J. C. Dunn received a letter from Department Commander S. W. Sherfey advising that there is a general sentiment to have the next territorial G. A. R. meeting in this city and asks for the feeling at this place. The feeling is undoubtedly all right but whether or not the people will get behind the movement hard enough to land the meeting is the only question. They can well afford to do so and NOW is the time to move.

Grant, the painter put an elegant gold sign on the National bank window this week.

Monday's Las Vegas Optic says that Monday was the hottest day that city has had, winter or summer for years, the thermometer stood 125 in the sun but never a time in the day but it was cool and pleasant in the shade.

J. R. Monahan recently from Oklahoma City, has located in the building on corner of Ninth and Pennsylvania and will soon be prepared to do all kinds of first class tailoring. At present he is making a specialty of cleaning and pressing.

Mr. Smith a well-to-do farmer from Iowa has been looking over the valley this week with a view of purchasing. He filed on a farm near Tularosa and since coming to Alamogordo he is so pleased with the future prospects that he desires to buy.

FRESH EGGS, COUNTRY BUTTER

the farms in Ohio, Indiana, and the membership of the present when the award is given, they Kansas. I have been among postmaster, and none can be expected to divide the town in