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## HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NOW UNDER WAY

Hydrographer R. L. Cooper Arrived Monday

## MOST MODERN GAGES WILL BE USED

Will be Best and Most Accurate Survey Possible

R. L. Cooper, hydrographer of the department of the territorial engineer, arrived here Monday afternoon to begin the hydrographic survey of Fresnal and La Luz canons. This survey was ordered by Judge Edward R. Wright, as a result of the filing of the water suit to establish right to the waters mentioned. Mr. Cooper drove over the valley Tuesday morning, and left that afternoon with Judge Wright for High Rolls, to go over the irrigated country in the mountains. He wants to get the lay-out of the entire proposition before beginning the survey.

The Santa Fe New Mexican says that the engineer's department plans to make this survey the best and most accurate that has ever been made in New Mexico. Rain gages will be used, and the amount of rainfall taken into consideration in determining the normal flow of the streams. Automatic gages will be installed to measure the flow of the streams. About sixty days will be required to complete the work.

The points to be determined by the engineer's department, as given by the New Mexican, are as follows:

1. A comprehensive plan with all necessary maps and estimates of cost for the development of all permanent waters which are not now used;

2. Any and all changes in the points of appropriation or diversion of all water now being used or ditches or streams beds carrying the same by which the service of the water supply of the Fresnal stream system can be increased.

3. The best and most feasible system for conserving and distributing to all parties now using the same waters of such stream

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## "LIFE" EXPRESSES THIS OPINION OF BRYAN

Party Leaders Fear his Power of Mischief Making

## REVOLT IS PREDICTED AS SURE TO COME

Clark and Underwood Will not be Dictated to

"Should the next President happen to be a democrat, how will he ever get along with William J. Bryan?"

One of the neighbors wants to know, being stirred to inquire by Mr. Bryan's present extensive activity in politics. He is bossing everything he can, and seems determined that no Democratic pie shall bake unless his finger is in it. He is disgusted with the Standard Oil decision, and stands with Uncle Harlan against the court; he is displeased with the Democrats in the House because they have consented to a moderate revenue tariff on wool, and wants to read them out of the party; he has every Democratic Presidential candidate under his microscope and shakes his head over what he sees in each one in turn.

We guess the answer to our neighbor's question is that no Democrat who has to get along with Mr. Bryan will ever be President. There are dozens of abler thinkers in the party. They are all afraid of Mr. Bryan's power of mischief, but in so far as we know, no able Democrat respects his powers of mind. He is dangerous because he has a voice and a following. He cannot lead the party, but he may defeat its candidate, so the leading sentiment that he produces nowadays in the abler Democratic minds is the sentiment of apprehension. They bear with him and are civil to him because they are afraid of him. That's all.

We guess that can't go on forever. Mr. Underwood and the Democrats in the House, who have been making the party record, have audaciously incurred the disapproval of the Party Incubus by their action on the wool tariff. Perhaps that is the

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HON. EDWARD R. WRIGHT

Presiding Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, and Associate Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court

## REMINISCENCES OF OLD DAYS ADJOURNED SESSION OF COURT

Two Old-Timers Tell About Life in the Eighties

By GLOOMY GUS

Two real old-timers, in reminiscent mood, were sitting in the county treasurer's office Monday morning, half dreaming yet wide awake, talking of the stirring days in the early eighties, when might was right, and the Winchester and six-shooter constituted the final court of appeals. They made the writer, with his nine years of residence in the west, shrivel into an infant tenderfoot.

The two old-timers were Maj. W. H. H. Llewellyn, district attorney, and Fred W. Pellman, deputy treasurer. In 1882, the Major was Indian Agent at Mesalero, and Mr. Pellman was his chief clerk. Alamogordo was then primitive desert, La Luz a very small settlement, and Tularosa, with its population of some four hundred Mexicans and half a dozen Americans, was the metropolis of the valley.

Las Cruces was then the nearest railroad point. Bands of Indians occasionally came through the valley, robbing and murdering the unprotected. Maj. Llewellyn received his appointment as Indian Agent in 1881. He made the journey with his family in a prairie schooner across from Las Cruces. The party left the camping place where Cox's ranch is now located, one morning just a few hours behind another emigrant party. When the Llewellyn party reached the White Sands, the other party was found there. The Mexican and his wife and children had been murdered by one of the marauding bands of Indians.

The Llewellyn party left the trail, hoping to avoid the Indians, and reached Mesalero in safety. The complaint is sometimes made that even now we have to endure hardships here. When a comparison is made with conditions in the eighties, it would seem that real hardships are no more.

Forest Reserve Grazing Case is Settled

An adjourned session of the United States district court was convened here at ten o'clock Monday morning, Judge Edward R. Wright, presiding. There were also some matters in the district court taken up for settlement.

In the United States court the only case settled was the case of Jesse C. Worthington, of Pinion, on a charge of pasturing cattle on the forest reserve without a permit. The hearing was on a temporary injunction, restraining Mr. Worthington from the further use of the forest reserve as a pasture, without a permit. By consent, a decree was entered making the injunction permanent, and fixing the amount of damages at fifteen dollars. Herbert W. Clark, assistant U. S. district attorney and R. F. Balthis, supervisor of this forest, represented the Government.

Maj. W. H. H. Llewellyn, district attorney, filed answer for the county commissioners in the water suit, the board having been named among the defendants.

Robt. H. Taylor and W. R. White, commissioners of Lincoln county, appeared to ask the instructions of the court with reference to the transfer of the county offices from Lincoln to Carrizozo.

## Oil-Burning Locomotives Make Good First Trial

The first locomotive converted into an oil burner was tried Sunday morning on the Cloudercroft road. The experimental trip was successful in every way. A good head of steam was kept up without any difficulty, and a little better than the schedule time was made. W. G. Roe, assistant superintendent, and Eugene Gordon, master mechanic, were here to make the trial trip.

Q. Sadler, special agent for the El Paso and Southwestern, spent Monday here.

## SOME OF THE MEANINGS OF RECLAMATION

More Than Mere Reclaiming of Arid Land

## COMFORTABLE HOMES AND GOOD SCHOOLS

Otero County Writer Pictures the Possibilities

By T. B. MILTON

What I mean by reclamation is the storing of that vast amount of water that goes to waste annually and applying it to this beautiful but barren valley, and cause it to bloom as the rose. What it will do has already been practically demonstrated by what other great irrigation projects have done and are doing in countries where the conditions are not so favorable as in the Sacramento valley.

If the water which goes to waste year after year between Three Rivers and Dog Canon were stored, it would, if used economically, irrigate practically all the arable land between these points.

We have climate and soil which are second to none. Practically all the fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone and some of those of the semi-tropical regions flourish here. The nearness of the flourishing city of El Paso, and of Cloudercroft, the most famous resort in the Southwest, assures the farmers of a top price for everything they produce.

Irrigation will not only develop the farming districts, but it will build up our towns and increase our means of transportation and communication. We will have better schools and better roads. It will educate the farmers in more scientific methods of farming and irrigating.

The Federal Government is taking an active part in the irrigation development of the western United States, under the authority of the Reclamation Act, which provides for the use of money derived from the sale of public lands in the construction of irrigation works. There is a movement now on to secure the aid of the Federal Govern-

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## CANNING FACTORY IS BEING INSTALLED

Has Daily a Capacity of Five Thousand Cans

## IN OPERATION SOME TIME NEXT WEEK

Will Furnish Employment For Good Number

For several years the citizens of Alamogordo have been discussing the possibilities of a canning factory. On one or two occasions stock subscriptions were solicited and the plant seemed assured, but somehow always failed to materialize.

There never was any doubt about the desirability of such a plant, still the plant remained in the future. Alamogordo has a canning plant now, not in the future, but actually in Alamogordo.

This canning plant was bought by the Alamogordo Improvement Co., from the Northwestern Steel and Iron Co., of Eau Claire, Wis., at a cost of \$1,500.00. It has been unloaded and partly connected up in the building just south of Rousseau's garage. The capacity is 5,000 cans a day.

The company is now in correspondence with an expert canner at Roswell. If his services are secured, the plant will be put in operation some time next week. A carload of 50,000 cans is now on the road. The amount of fruit the company will have available for canning will depend upon the amount of rain-fall and the amount of water available for irrigation.

If the company successfully handles its own fruit crop, it may be possible for the plant to can products for other fruit growers. Assurances have been received that it will be possible to dispose of the entire output of the plant without any difficulty.

**Albuquerque Uses 10,000 Cards**  
The Albuquerque Commercial Club had 10,000 post cards printed for free distribution on Post Card Day. The demand for cards was so great that the original supply was exhausted last Thursday, just a week ahead. Albuquerque evidently has a bunch of live ones.

## GENTLEMAN AND SOLDIER

By G. S.

When a man like Captain Macklin dies, a loss is felt that extends from the splendid Army of "Old Glory" clear across to the simplicity and quietude of the home circle. A gallant, daring commander leads his men into the fire of the enemy—and we are lost in admiration of the martial spirit. A husband and father puts into his daily life so much kindness and patience and forbearance, and preserves in his home so much sunshine and cheeriness that again we are lost in admiration. Rarely are both qualities combined in one man. Captain Macklin had them both.

Some years ago he received a wound that came as a result of his defense of the honor of the flag. That wound resulted in tuberculosis. The fitness of his sense of duty and honor was illustrated by his decision to make the trip which may have cost him his life. When the time came for the annual inspection at the military academy at Arkadelphia, he felt duty-bound to attend, and he did attend. He was hardly in condition to make the long, hard trip. Many a man, under less trying circumstances, would have offered the plea of infirmity, but that was not his notion of the allegiance and loyalty that he owed.

Gentleman and soldier—there is no finer tribute, no epitaph better suited. When I think of his splendid fortitude and courage that endured to the end, I recall Bryant's lines:

..... But, sustained and soothed  
"By an unflinching trust, approach thy grave  
"Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
"About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

## WE WISH THAT YOU COULD KNOW

By MAE PEREGRINE.

You who are far! We wish that you could know  
The great wild beauty of New Mexico;  
Where mountains tower, unchangeable, serene,  
And lift white peaks above the pine-tree's green.  
We who have been the favored ones, who dwell  
Among the hills—their wonders we could tell—  
But those who love them most can least express  
The charm of all their vast mysteriousness.

We wish that you could know this land of health;  
See broken men made over by its wealth  
Of sunshine. There's a bountiful supply;  
And we who revel in it know not why  
Such riches should be poured upon the spot  
Where we have made our blooming garden-plot.  
We only know that we have found them here;  
That they have brought us life, and health, and cheer.

We wonder if you know that there is room,  
That all unselfishly we bid you come  
And be a power in the newest state,  
To help us build it well—so strong, so great,  
A commonwealth, that Uncle Sam will own  
This son with pride, when it is larger grown.  
Come, for we need you in New Mexico;  
We wonder if you wouldn't like to know.