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FRUIT GROWERS BEGIN TO MARKET CROP

Making Lots of Work for Express Agent

APRICOTS AND PLUMS PEACHES, CHERRIES

Shipments Will be Heavier as Fruit Ripens

The shipping of the early fruit has begun in earnest, and will continue to grow in volume and weight, as the later fruit ripens. The shipping has been confined principally to the New Mexico towns along the El Paso and Southwestern and to El Paso. A few small shipments have been made to distant states. Apricots, plums, and peaches have made up the bulk of the shipments from Alamogordo and vicinity, with lots of cherries from the Mountain Park district. The fruit growers of La Luz are shipping through this station.

C. W. Arnold, who has leased the Kanady place just east of the cemetery, is the heaviest shipper. L. R. Hughes is handling the fruit from the Fred Stone orchard, and has made some heavy shipments, nearly a ton going forward to El Paso last Sunday night. Henry S. Evans, John Berntsen, and Guy Wadsworth are the other shippers. A good part of Mr. Evans's fruit is going to Cloudercroft. Chas. Meyer, Leslie Ellis, and Emmett Huss are the La Luz shippers.

All of this fruit is moving by express, and has increased the volume of business to Christmas-like proportions. For the week ending June 23, the weight of express forwarded was more than seven tons, the fruit shipments making up the greater part of the weight.

People are Enthusiastic About Lyceum Course

As more publicity is given to the lyceum course of entertainments to be held here next fall and winter, the more enthusiastic the people are. Lacy Simms has begun to secure pledges for the sale of season tickets, and is meeting with even greater success than was hoped for.

Mrs. Lena Eldridge, who is spending the summer in southern California, writes to Mr. Simms as follows: "I am so pleased to know that we are to have a lecture course next winter. You may count on me for two tickets. Don't let Dr. Follansbee get away, I heard him in Kansas in 1907 and I would pay a dollar to hear him again. His personality is wonderful."

Bill Nelson, Ex-Alamo Star now at Raton

Bill Nelson, who was captain, and catcher of the Alamos of the summer of 1909, came to Raton last week to play with that club. He has been playing the past two seasons in the Kansas state league. The Raton team's first game was with the fast team of Cheyenne Indians, and the Indians finished second.

Miss Pearl Watson of Roswell arrived Monday morning for a visit with the Misses McRae. Miss Watson lived in Alamogordo for some years.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT FOR THE BIG FAIR

One Thousand Dollars Will be First Prize

ALL NEW MEXICO TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE

El Paso and Trinidad Also to Compete

Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 26—Baseball and plenty of it is the slogan adopted by the New Mexico State Fair Association in connection with the baseball tournament which will be held during fair week, October 9-14. The work of putting up a baseball tournament which will be of exceptional interest to the fans of New Mexico and of the Southwest, has been placed in the hands of Thomas J. Naylon, secretary of the Albuquerque Commercial Club. Mr. Naylon is a well posted baseball man, and visiting players will be assured of every possible courtesy at his hands. The tournament this year, as formerly, is open to any team in New Mexico or Arizona, Trinidad, Colo., or El Paso, Texas. Bars will be down as far as professional players are concerned. A club may have one professional, or nine, this being left to the club itself. John Mullen, of the American league, who umpired successfully and satisfactorily the tournament last year, has been engaged to do the arbitrating this year.

The rules, regulations, and purses follow and detailed information may be obtained by communicating with Mr. Naylon.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. No town can be represented by more than one club.
2. There will be no entrance fee.
3. Clubs playing in this series of games will be limited to Arizona, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Trinidad, Colo.
4. The management will arrange the time and order of playing, will arrange for an umpire, and will be the final arbitrator in all disputed questions that may arise.
5. All games will be played under National League rules.
6. All entries must be filed with the superintendent not later than October 7, 1911.

First Prize.....\$1,000.00
Second Prize.....400.00
Third Prize.....200.00

Nary A Vacant Cottage at Cloudercroft

Cloudercroft is filled right up to the sky-line. Tom O'Reilly reported that every cottage in Cloudercroft was occupied. The big resort hotel is not yet filled, for the people from east Texas and Louisiana have not yet begun to arrive. There being no more cottages available, subsequent arrivals will have to swing their cots from the clouds. Nearly all of the clouds thereabouts have picturesquely ragged edges and corners that will serve admirably for anchoring points for suspended cots. The ancient Babylonians had hanging gardens that were among the seven wonders of the world—the Cloudercrofters, with their cloud-swung cots, will go the Babylonians one better.

OTERO COUNTY STANDS AT TOP OF LIST

Leads All the Others in Tax Collections

HER PERCENTAGE IS EIGHTY-FOUR PLUS

Grant County is Next With Eighty-one

There is published below a statement of the amount of taxes collected in each county of New Mexico. The statement shows also the percentage of taxes collected. It will be observed that Otero county leads all the other counties by a safe margin. The figures used are from the Albuquerque Morning Journal, and are as follows:

The table, which is by counties, shows in the first column collections for May, 1911; the second, total collections, and the third represents the percentage of taxes collected. The table is as follows:

Bernalillo, \$4,680.41; \$23,843.74; 57.8.
Chaves, \$8,936.95; \$31,303.30; 67.9.
Colfax, \$10,280.92; \$31,887.31; 77.1.
Curry, \$2,062.51; \$11,253.20; 57.3.
Doña Ana, \$9,581.62; \$25,588.62; 72.8.
Eddy, \$4,075.57; \$17,211.06; 61.8.
Grant, \$10,690.95; \$34,184.97; 81.3.
Guadalupe, \$4,415.57; \$11,204.08; 66.5.
Lincoln, \$311.88; \$9,325.26; 41.9.
Luna, \$8,994.93; \$20,114.64; 79.6.
McKinley, \$3,536.79; \$9,101.21; 79.6.
Mora, \$3,792.75; \$9,490.91; 66.4.
Otero, \$8,212.47; \$18,628.65; 84.2.
Quay, \$5,418.13; \$16,722.78; 73.4.
Rio Arriba, \$2,218.45; \$7,143.59; 59.3.
Roosevelt, \$1,414.90; \$7,442.30; 55.1.
Sandoval, \$1,593.27; \$5,570.51; 60.2.
San Juan, \$1,527.11; \$7,399.79; 60.3.
San Miguel, \$10,287.00; \$26,849.52; 66.2.
Santa Fe, \$1,472.71; \$10,943.46; 51.2.
Sierra, \$716.63; \$5,052.57; 45.3.
Socorro, \$5,047.88; \$15,744.66; 64.2.
Taos, \$563.51; \$4,258.91; 56.7.
Torrance, \$1,206.75; \$4,950.14; 39.8.
Union, \$5,817.82; \$16,236.11; 68.5.
Valencia, \$4,636.32; \$11,470.19; 76.2.
Totals, \$120,893.77; \$393,903.69; 66.7.

Prospects are Good for Bumper Apple Crop

Dr. J. R. Gilbert returned Monday afternoon from a visit at his Mountain Park ranch. He brought with him a limb from one of the trees in his apple orchard. The limb measured thirty-four inches in length, and held thirty-five apples. A big tree, proportionately loaded, would produce an incredible apple crop.

Ditch Crossings in Town are Being Repaired

Jed Yale, road commissioner of district No. 1, with a force of men, began Monday morning the work of repairing the ditch crossings on all the streets and avenues of Alamogordo. All the crossings that need repairing are being taken up and rebuilt. Some of the crossings were getting in such bad condition that they were dangerous.

Traveling Auditor Safford Resigns

Chas. V. Safford, traveling auditor for the territory of New Mexico, has resigned after ten years of faithful and efficient service. Mr. Safford has spent a good deal of time in Alamogordo, in the course of his duties, and has many friends here. He goes into the Bank of Commerce at Albuquerque, as cashier.

NEW MEXICO BAPTIST COLLEGE IS SAVED

Baptist General Convention Takes Institution

SCHOOL'S INDEBTEDNESS TO BE CANCELLED

Some Time Required to Make All Arrangements

For the information of the friends and patrons of New Mexico Baptist College we are prepared to say the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of New Mexico expresses itself as ready and prepared to take over the New Mexico Baptist College, equip and maintain the same, as soon as it can arrange for the entire indebtedness on the school. A loan for the full amount of indebtedness is now being negotiated and the outlook is very hopeful.

To the general public we would say the ownership and management of this school by the Baptist General Convention of New Mexico reassures the school, and places it on a sound basis, so it will deserve the respect and support of every lover of higher education. It is the purpose of the convention to build such an institution of learning at Alamogordo as not only every enterprising citizen of Alamogordo will be proud of, but all New Mexico will hail with delight.

We had hoped to be shown sufficient clemency to avoid the humiliation of being forced to submit to a sale of the property, but that being unavoidable we accept conditions and look to the future.

A. G. MILLER.

Irishman Expresses His Opinion With Brutal Candor

George Gould was making one of his last trips as president of the Missouri Pacific. His private car was laid out on a siding for some reason or other, and he got out to stretch his legs. An old Irishman was tapping the wheels. Gould went up to him.

"Morning. How do you like the wheels?"

"Not worth a darn," said the Irishman.

"Well, how do you like the car?"

"It's good enough for the wheels."

"What do you think of the road?"

"It matches the car."

Gould looked at the old chap for a minute.

"Maybe you don't know who I am?"

"Yes, I do," retorted the Irishman. "You are George Gould, and I knew your father when he was president of the road. And, by gosh, he's going to be president of it again!"

"Why, my father is dead," said Mr. Gould.

"I know that," replied the Irishman, "and the road is going to hell."—Western Druggist.

J. C. Jones and Dan Smith returned Sunday afternoon from a visit to the former's ranch in Cox canon.

Ralph F. Pollock was here between trains Monday afternoon, getting some supplies needed for his Cloudercroft studio.

THEY HAVE EXCITING RACE FOR CLAIM

James Madison is the Winner by an Eye-lash

RAIL ROAD ENGINE VERSUS THE BRONCO

Story Reads Like the Old-time Border Races

James Madison and wife of Alamogordo made a race by train with five men on horse back from the Alamogordo neighborhood, namely Dog Canyon, on Wednesday of last week. The opening by the government of a small residue of land was the reason and it seems that the plucky Madison may be the winner. Mr. Madison and wife arrived here from Alamogordo via El Paso on the night train arriving at 8:45. Madison made directly for the Land Office which of course was closed and locked. But the lobby between the Land Office and the postoffice was open and Mr. Madison slipped back toward the rear end and when the Postmaster safely locked the postoffice door on the lobby for the night Mr. Madison was locked in. This was entirely to his liking and he spent the night on the floor of the lobby. In the mean time five hardy horsemen were crossing the Organ Mountains in the night and one of these sought to file upon the land that had been chosen and settled upon by Mr. and Mrs. Madison. The hardy five arrived about 2:30 on Thursday morning and took up their station at the door of the U. S. Land Office chuckling at the tardiness of Madison who could plainly hear their words of exultation in his prison. The five sons clung to the door when Neil Cross, Assistant Receiver, appeared at 8 o'clock to open the office door. Great was their surprise to be met by Mr. Madison who was of course first into the Land Office. The record shows James Madison filed on the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 17, and SE 1/4 N 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 17, 18 S. R. 10 E.—Rio Grande Republican.

Delinquent July First

The Civic League desires announcement made that all members who have not paid their dues on or before July 1, will be declared delinquent. Under the by-laws it will become necessary to drop all delinquent members. The League regrets to take such a step, and hopes therefore that all dues will be paid, so that it will not be necessary to drop any member.

The members all are needed for the work which the organization is doing for the improvement and betterment of the community.

Alamogordo Steam Laundry has Been Dismantled

J. Weston Parker, manager of the Alamo Steam Laundry, left yesterday for El Paso. He was here to supervise the packing and shipping of a part of the machinery of this plant, which will be used in the new laundry plant at El Paso. One of Alamogordo's oldest institutions is gone, and hereafter it will be necessary to patronize an outside laundry.

HYDRAULIC ENGINEERS ARE INVESTIGATING

Box Canon Certain to Develop The Power

CAN A MARKET FOR POWER BE DEVELOPED

Building of Power Plant Hinges Upon This Point

D. W. Spence and T. L. Smith, Jr., expert hydraulic engineers from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, arrived here Monday afternoon for the purpose of making a thorough investigation and exhaustive report on the development of power from Box canon. They left the same afternoon, in company with Engineer T. M. Morton, for High Rolls, and spent Tuesday morning examining the dam-site, exploring the canons, and then drove back to Alamogordo. That afternoon they spent in looking over George Carl's fine irrigation plant and system.

Wednesday morning and afternoon they spent in inspecting the wells in the valley to the west and south of Alamogordo. Today they are looking over the country to the north and west. Their investigation is made with more particular reference to the practicability of pumping for irrigation in this valley.

From previous surveys, investigations and reports, the Alamogordo Water Power Co. is convinced that the desired amount of power can be developed in Box canon. What the company is more interested in is to know whether or not a market can be developed for the use of the power. If water is available in sufficient quantities to make pumping for irrigation a success, the market for power can be developed. That is exactly what Messrs. Spence and Smith are here for, to determine whether there is sufficient water under ground.

The Alamogordo Sanitarium is Opened

The Alamogordo Sanitarium, under the management of Paul H. Rountree, was opened Monday and is now ready to receive patients. Both buildings have been thoroughly renovated and everything rearranged so as to afford the greatest comfort and the best service for the patients. The booking of patients has already begun and the management is confident that the sanitarium will be filled to capacity before Christmas.

Big Crop of Winter Oats Harvested

The Alamogordo Improvement Co. has harvested its crop of winter oats grown on the thirty-nine acre tract at La Luz. The yield was seventy-six thousand pounds, approximately two tons to the acre, of first class oats.

This crop was produced almost entirely by winter irrigation.

There was only one irrigation between the first of March and the time of cutting.

Geo. L. Ulrick, vice-president of the Exchange Bank of Carrizozo, was here Monday and Tuesday attending to some court matters.