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## C. P. DOWNS BUYS BOTH NEWSPAPERS

The Alamogordo News was sold Tuesday afternoon to Chas. P. Downs. The News is the oldest paper in Otero County. It has been owned for the past six years by the Alamogordo Improvement Company, and for the past three years edited and published under this management. Mr. Downs bought also the Otero County Advertiser, and effective December 1, the two plants and papers will be consolidated.

The new paper probably will be called The News-Advertiser and issued once a week from The News shop. In editorial policy The News-Advertiser will be non-partisan and independent. It will keep out of politics. Its principal business will be to publish all the news and to boost Alamogordo and Otero county. Mr. Downs is an experienced newspaper man, and under the policy which he has outlined, can hardly fail to succeed. Those of us who know him best are strongest in the hope and belief that he will succeed. Certainly he has every good wish of the retiring owner and the editor and publisher of The News.

GUTHRIE SMITH, Editor and Publisher.

### GOVERNOR McDONALD'S FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

New Mexico and New Mexicans Have Cause to be Thankful

Thursday, November Twenty-eighth, is Day to Be Observed

The American holiday, Thanksgiving Day, is near at hand. New Mexicans have much to be thankful for this year. They have enjoyed many blessings and experienced few calamities. We have had no disastrous storms and have been free from dangerous conditions of any sort. Crime has decreased and order has been better maintained under the law.

During the past twelve months New Mexico has entered the Union as a sovereign commonwealth; she has assumed the functions of state government and her financial credit is exceptionally good. In manifesting our appreciation of the new conditions under state government, we should resolve to make our great new state a blessing to all of our people, such as good citizens have a right to expect. There has been an effective desire to awaken and cleanse the public conscience, and a betterment in the standard of public service and efficiency is taking place. Capital has good opportunities here and the wage earner does not lack employment. Crops and produce have been plentiful and the public health is in good condition.

We have a state old in civilization but new in many things,

with untold wealth in its great undeveloped resources. Our beautiful sunshine and health giving atmosphere make our climate unexcelled, if anywhere else equalled, and is one of our chief assets which should be attractive to those seeking health as well as fortune:

Now Therefore, in accordance with the time honored custom and conforming to the proclamation of the President of the United States, I, William C. McDonald, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby designate and proclaim Thursday, November 28, 1912, as Thanksgiving Day, and recommend that the people of New Mexico observe the day by attending divine worship if possible; that the public schools be closed, also places of public and private business so far as may be practicable; that we offer our gratitude to Almighty God not only through prayer, song and sermon, but by sharing with the needy among us the blessings which we enjoy.

Done at the Executive Office this the 20th day of November, A. D. 1912. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD,  
ANTONIO LUCERO,  
Secretary of State.

Mrs. W. E. Weible and two children arrived Tuesday evening from Nowata, Oklahoma, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Guy I. Watt. Mrs. Weible is Mr. Watt's sister.

Entertainment for the benefit of L. T. L. at the high school assembly hall, Friday evening at 7:30. Admission ten cents.

Thanksgiving dance at O'Reilly's amusement hall. The dance will be given by the ladies of the Civic League, which is a guarantee that it will be worth your time and money.

James A. Baird returned Sunday evening after a short business trip to his ranch in the San Andres.

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL THANKSGIVING DAY

Two Games Commencing at Three O'clock

"REGELERS" VS. THE TOWN BOYS

Second Game is Between Two Girls' Teams

The ex-rah-rah boys were up practicing the other evening preparatory to the Thanksgiving game. The boys are good players and they will be handicapped only by the change in the rules of this year. This will be the first game of the season and a large crowd will most likely be present. Seats will be placed on the campus around the basketball court and you may sit down for 10c or stand up free. Come and root for your team. Game at 8:00 p. m. The town boys will be picked from the following players: Beecher, Major, Parker, Johnson, Walters, Kellogg.

After making plans for bringing the Carizozoans down on December 6-7, they wrote that they couldn't come, so a game between the H. S. boys will take place for the basketball championship of the school. The girls will play the Tularosa team.

A good sized crowd attended the "Kangaroo Court" Saturday night in spite of the fact that there were three other attractions for that night. Mr. Montgomery was found guilty and sentenced to take a girl to the show. He agreed to after borrowing a dime from the judge.

#### Advance Notice.

On Friday night, December 6, I shall offer you a great feature film in four reels, Homer's great epic poem, "The Odyssey." Over 3,500 feet of splendid pictures which were made at a cost of \$200,000.00. Every school student will be especially interested in these scenes from ancient Greece. Bob.

### MISS L. AND MR. S. WILL SET NEW FASHION

Will Charge Admission Instead of Issuing Invitations

AT THE NEW ALAMO TONIGHT

Will Buy Their Own Presents With Receipts

From time immemorial it has been the custom for people engaged to be married to send to their friends invitations to the wedding. In the parlance of today, all those who received the invitations considered themselves "stung." Translating this from United States into stately English, those who received invitations to the wedding considered themselves under obligations to send a wedding gift of some kind. In every case there have been real friends who would have sent wedding gifts without wedding invitations. The custom has worked no hardship upon the real friends. However, many others felt that they were called upon to send gifts when they really did not feel inclined to "dig" or "produce."

The prominent Alamogordo people who are to be married tonight at the New Alamo Theatre have broken away from the old custom and established a precedent which is likely to have many followers. Miss L. and Mr. S. are so well known and so widely acquainted that they would have been compelled to send invitations to everybody in Alamogordo. Rather than to expect wedding gifts from all, they conceived the idea of dispensing with the invitations, and instead, charging a small admission fee. With the receipts they can buy their own presents. Under this plan, no one is under obligations. In order to make sure that each one will get his money's worth, the bride and groom have arranged with Bob Woodworth to run two dandy motion picture films just after the ceremony.

### FIRE SEASON FOR YEAR 1912 ALAMO NATIONAL FOREST

Fire Control Best Since Reserve Was Created

Fewer Number of Fires and Less Amount of Timber Damaged

Cloudcroft, N. M., Nov. 24.—The fire season for 1912 on the Alamo national forest, New Mexico, which includes the Sacramento and Guadalupe mountains and comprises 941,790 acres, is now past, and the records show that the systematic methods of fire protection employed by the forest officers has resulted in the least number of acres burned over, and the least damage to the growth within the national forest since its creation in 1907.

The forest officers are to be congratulated on this 1912 record and the strenuous efforts put forth by them in carrying on an efficient patrol during the dry summer months, whereby the forest fires which started were sighted and quickly extinguished without great loss to the live timber.

Only four fires occurred, which burned over approximately 714 acres before they could be reached and extinguished. These fires destroyed 2500 feet B. M. of timber, with no perceptible damage to the reproduction. The causes of these fires have been traced in one case to lightning, in another carelessness in clearing

land, in a third leaving a camp fire unextinguished, while the cause of the fourth is unknown. This would seem to indicate that the greatest cause of fires within the forest is through carelessness with fire during the dry season.

The residents of the forest have co-operated freely with the forest officers in protecting the forest from fire, and to them much credit should be given. They are more careful than in years past, and it is to their personal and general interest that the forest is not burned over. The forest is their source of water supply and its cover of timber and underbrush tends to insure the climatic conditions so favorable for the growing of farm crops, forage for stock, as well as future timber industry. It also serves as the source of the water supply for the towns of Alamogordo, La Luz, Shamrock, Orogrande, Tularosa, and Hope, New Mexico, and it has a direct bearing on the water supply of the Pecos river valley, lying in the southeastern portion of New Mexico, as well as along the Pecos river in Texas.—El Paso Morning Times.

#### Shipment of Cattle Coming Into Otero County

The Powder River Cattle company is shipping a herd of 1500 four year old steers from Artesia, N. M., to Alamogordo, where they will be put out at pasture. In April the herd will be shipped to the company's ranges in Montana. The cattle reached El Paso Sunday night and will be shipped from the Southwestern yards Tuesday morning.—El Paso Herald.

#### Thanksgiving Service

The annual Thanksgiving union service will be held in the Grace Methodist Church at 10:30 a. m., and at the South Methodist Church at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Geo. H. Givan will deliver the morning sermon, and Rev. Wm. Cooke will deliver the evening sermon. All the people of the town and community round about are most cordially invited to attend each of these services. By Pastors' Association.