

The Alamogordo News

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Respecting All; Fearing None



Just To Say Good-bye

This is the last issue of THE NEWS which will be made under this management. Charles P. Downs has acquired by purchase THE NEWS and the Otero County Advertiser. Monday morning, December second, the plant will be turned over to the new owner.

Lacking only two months, I have been in charge of THE NEWS for a period of three years. It is putting no strain whatever upon my imagination to confess that the experience has been varied, not to say exciting. I came into the work without a day of training or previous experience. What I did not know about newspapers and printing shops would have filled the Congressional library. The work has interested me and I have learned something of the game, principally along the line of what not to do.

There has not been smooth sailing all the way. Circumstances and lack of experience have been accountable for some of the difficulties, while some people of differing opinions have been busily engaged in rolling obstacles into the way. The people who rolled the obstacles into the way are welcome to all the fun they had.

As a broad, general proposition, THE NEWS has had the support to which it was entitled. There is no desire to file complaint against anyone for his failure to contribute support either in advertising or subscriptions. Some issues have not carried enough advertising to pay for the print paper used. Others have not carried enough news items to keep a blind man busy for thirty seconds. Some of the poor issues have been due to a scarcity of news, while equally as many have been due to my failure to make the effort to make the paper readable.

It is the source of a vast deal of satisfaction to be able to retire without one single regret as to the editorial policy of the paper during the past three years. The one boast that I feel inclined to make is that THE NEWS has not printed a line that was unfit for innocent children to read. No individual has been criticised. The editor's personal difficulties have been settled elsewhere than in the news and editorial columns of this paper. Public officials have been criticised, not as individuals, but as public servants. The criticism has been without the elements of violence or personal abuse. If the matter were to be decided again, the same course would be pursued.

I desire especially to make the following acknowledgments of appreciation and gratitude:

To Frank W. Beach, general manager of the Alamogordo Improvement Company, which owned THE NEWS. In twenty-two years' business experience I have not been associated with a man with whom my relations were more pleasant, nor with one more inclined to be honest, just and fair in every particular. I could not have had more absolute control of the editorial and business policies of the paper if I had been the sole owner.

To Stannard C. Hartley, shop foreman and make-up man, whose efficient work, interest and loyalty have assayed one hundred per cent. every day. Whatever excellence THE NEWS may have had as to appearance has been due in large measure to his untiring efforts and good taste.

To the regular advertisers and subscribers whose checks have kept the old ship out of financial straits, and whose occasional timely words of encouragement have buoyed a discouraged heart on to renewed effort.

Last but by no means least, to the newspaper editors of the Southwest, whose papers I have studied with a never-ending interest, whose comments and criticisms have taught me how to do many things, how to avoid many others.

And now, good-bye.

The private life of a public man is no affair for public judgment or public discussion unless it directly affects the public. There may be matters which deeply concern the wife and family or the immediate friends of men holding an office of public trust, which are in no way matters for public concern. But when the public official betrays the confidence of the public in public matters, it is not only the right but the duty of the public press to deal with.—Las Cruces

THE OTHER FELLOW SAYS

Patrick, lately over, was working in the yards of a railroad. One day he happened to be in the yard office when the force was out. The telephone bell rang excitedly for some time before Pat came to the conclusion that it ought to be answered. He approached the instrument very cautiously, and slowly put the receiver to his ear, as he had often seen the boss do.

"Hello, there!" he called. "Hello!" answered some one at some distant point. "Is this eight—six—ought—four—eight?" "Aw g'wan! Phat d'ye think Oi am, a box car!" sarcastically replied Patrick.—Judge's Library

They met on a bridge. Each held out his hand, and they shook, and instantly realized that they were utter strangers had not one of them been a genuine Hiberian, the situation might have been embarrassing.

"Begorra, that's quare," said Pat. "When we wor so far off that we couldn't see aich other, I thought it was you, an' you thought it was me, and now we'er together, it's nayther of us."—Metropolitan.

Evangelist Makes Suggestions

It is said that an evangelist recently told the people of a neighboring town that if they wished to see the newspaper man of that place converted the immediate payment of their back subscriptions was the first step to be taken towards the desired end. That's a good, practical suggestion. When a man walks into a printing office and plunks down the cash for ten or fifteen years' back subscription he's got genuine dyed-in-the-wool religion and it makes a profound impression on the editor.—Gallup Republican.

"David Copperfield," Feature Film, Friday or Saturday.

The Woodworth Moving Picture "Sin" dicates announces the following to the accompaniment of the music of "Liza crossing the ice":

It is possible that on Friday or Saturday night this week the extraordinary feature film, "David Copperfield," Dickens' great novel, will be shown as produced by the Thanhouser Stock Co., in three reels. Although this is a film that comes to me on a special rental basis, I shall offer it to you for the price of a regular weekly show, ten cents.

Bob.

Notice

Hereafter our market will not be open on Sundays. This notice is given to our customers in order that they may make their purchases and have orders filled on Saturdays. W. E. Groom. Adv.

December 11 is the date the Meistersingers quartette will be in Alamogordo. Try your best to remember this date. It will be the best number of the whole course. If you are in doubt about it, ask those who heard the quartette last year.

Under the consolidation of the two newspapers, the one paper will receive the support which was formerly given to two, and the cost of maintenance and operation will be just half. Everybody will be benefited by the consolidation.

"The Tangled Web," a Rex drama and "The Winning Miss," an Imp drama, will be shown at the New Alamo Thursday night just after the marriage of Miss L. to Mr. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Charles and little girl returned Wednesday after a visit with friends and relatives in Kansas.

F. C. Rolland and J. M. Bowman spent Tuesday in Carrizozo.

Big turkey shoot over west of the tracks today.

Church Notices

Baptist Church.

Regular services 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday at the First Baptist church.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Prayer service every Wednesday 8:00 p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.—Strangers are specially invited. Wm. COOKSEY, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school 10 a. m.

Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.

From Sept. 1 to April 1.

Evening service, 8:00 p. m.

From April 1 to Sept. 1

B. S. Club 6:30 p. m.

From Sept. 1 to April 1

B. S. Club 7:00 p. m.

From April 1 to Sept. 1

Ladies' Aid, 1st. Thursday, each month.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good," is our invitation to all who may worship with us.

J. A. ARMSTRONG, Pastor.

M. E. Church, South.

Preaching every Sunday Morning and Evening at the usual hours.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

Senior and Junior Leagues, Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 and 4:00.

Prayer Service every Wednesday evening.

You are invited to attend any or all of these services.

Geo. H. GIVAN, Pastor.

Grace Methodist Episcopal

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Morning Service 11:00 a. m.

Evening Service 7:30 p. m.

Mid-week Prayer Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

If you have no regular place of worship you will find a welcome here.

Ed. LeBreton, Pastor.

Advertised Letters List

List of Advertised Letters for the week ending Nov. 20, 1912.

Alamogordo, N. M., Postoffice.

Bunting, O H

Conklin, W D

Duran, Candilario

Estrada, Branlio

Garcia, Sr Oregerio

Moesly, A J

Nidever, Mrs H V

Nidever, H V

Oliver, W G

Ramos, Sra Isabel

Rogers, Mrs Ethel

Ranshall, M R

Sanchez, Mrs. Suradita P

When calling for above letters please say Advertised and pay one cent.

J. M. Hawkins, P. M.

Lady whose health compels her to live in New Mexico will exchange 40 acres fine land fronting beautiful river near Petoskey Mich., splendid for summer resort, fruit and vegetable farm, for land in New Mexico. Please give exact location.

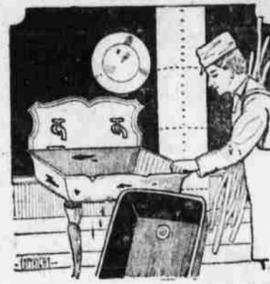
Adv. Miss ROGERS, 546 Surf St., Chicago, Ill.

Maybe if you fish around you can get an invitation to the wedding of Miss L. and Mr. S. Better get your hook and line ready. It would be awful to be left out in the cold on the deal.

PATENTS

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Branch Office, 25 7 St. Washington, D. C.

YOUR SINKS IN GOOD CONDITION?



Let me take a look at your sinks if anything is wrong with them. Years of experience in such matters makes it easy for me to repair such irregularities, and thereby save you much care and worry. The expense isn't much either, and you get expert advice and work. Whenever in need of

Plumbing Work of Any Kind

shall be pleased to be favored with your order. For good work

Call Phone 66

SCPIO, THE HARDWARE MAN

We Wash Everything But the Baby

Leaving that to its mother to do; but we do wash and return spotlessly clean your family washing.

ELITE LAUNDRY

EL PASO, TEXAS

Alamogordo Agency at Ed. Martin's Barber Shop

This Ad written by Mrs. F. O. Hage, was awarded a prize in the El Paso Herald's Ad Writing Contest

A. J. BUCK UNDERTAKER

BALMEP AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND DEALER IN FUNERAL SUPPLIES

OFFICE PHONE NO. 4. RESIDENCE PHONE NO. 26

Livery Feed & Wood Yard

Say! Remember that I am in the LIVERY business with good reliable teams and good rigs. GENTLE SADDLE HORSES for ladies a specialty. Also Grain and Feed in connection. If you are out of wood and want something that burns, call in person or phone for either of the above. Prices are very MODERATE.

W. E. Stewart

PHONE 149

Contractor & Builder

Contracts taken for the complete construction of buildings of all kinds. All orders receive prompt attention. Estimates cheerfully furnished. No job too large or too small. Work guaranteed. Office Penn. Ave., in old Boston Cafe.

C. R. White Fone 188

ROUSSEAU'S REPAIR SHOP...

Experts in Building and Repairing

Electrical Wiring Done

Electric Fixtures and Supplies

Stalcup Building, New York Ave.

Phone 68