

# THE MORNING NEWS

Volume I

Estancia, New Mexico, Friday, April 28, 1911

No. 23

## HIS FARM RESEMBLES MENAGERIE

George Pope must have a complete menagerie on his farm northeast of town. He has had several large traps set to catch prowlers, and it seems he has been more than successful. Jack-rabbits and coyotes are rather common game in the traps. One day last week on going to his traps he discovered a badger in one of them. Then a few days later he caught a crippled stork, which he has been trying to domesticate.

Yesterday morning he was in, and told what on going to his traps on Wednesday found an immense bob-cat in one of them. Fearing to tackle the animal with a club, he ran to the neighbor's, Mr. Wilmuth's and secured a gun. With this he made short work of Mr. Bob-cat. With Mr Wilmuth's assistance they measured the animal, which was a little over four feet long and stood twenty-two inches high. At first we thought George must have been tackling something stronger than Estancia Spring water, but he has promised to bring in the pelt of the animal to show us that it was not all a dream. George certainly has had luck with his traps, or else he has all kinds of animals in his neighborhood, or both.

## New Society is Growing

Since the first meeting of the promoters of an anti-tuberculosis society in this city last week, attended by a large number of persons, interest in the plan has grown rapidly and there will be doubtless a much larger attendance at the meeting held at the same place tomorrow night. The committee on organization and officers will report and it is urgently requested that every public spirited business man who has the health of the city at heart be present.

The various pastors this week are making preparations for the observance of "National Tuberculosis Day," next Sunday, and it is hoped to have addresses by local physicians in all the churches.—Albuquerque Journal.

## Baptist Church

Preaching Services, second and fourth Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Business meeting each Saturday 11 a. m. preceding church days. Sunday School 10 a. m. C. B. Howell, Superintendent.

B. Y. P. U. Sunday 2 p. m. Prayer Service Wednesday 7:45 p. m. choir Practice Friday 7:45 p. m. Preaching morning and evening this fifth Sunday. J. Q. Herrin, Pastor.

The Morning News publishes the news while it is news.

## All mail matter must be Counted

The postmaster and his tant have an extra job on their hands, which will last about thirty days. They have received orders to count and keep tab of the number of pieces of mail received and sent from the local office. And to make the job more complete the number must be kept of each class of mail, first, second, third and fourth class, both incoming and outgoing. If anyone thinks this a snap, let them inquire of the postmaster as to the number of pieces of mail handled each day. During the time of this count, the distribution of the incoming mail will be delayed somewhat, but the patrons of the office will have to grin and bear it, as its orders from headquarters.

## Eighteen Miles Through Mud

"I took an eighteen mile drive through the country around Mountainair yesterday and the mud all the way was from six to eight inches deep," said H. B. Hening, secretary of the New Mexico bureau of immigration, on his return to this city yesterday. "They had just had the third big rain, lasting some fourteen hours, and the country is all wet to the roots. There has been nothing like it there for years and the farmers are tickled to death. Double the acreage of last year is being planted and the biggest kind of crops are sure. Wheat, oats and alfalfa are all ready up, and if the present prospects are realized this year will assure the future prosperity of the Mountainair dry farming country."—Albuquerque Journal.

## McIntosh Items

From the Homeland  
John Scott is putting in 6 acres of beans and 80 acres of potatoes. In digging down he finds the ground in his fields wet clear down.

Irving Mead, who is preparing to farm extensively, reports that there is more moisture in the ground than any spring in three years.

Ira and Tommy Tod Lynch are so far recovered from the measles, that they can be heard whistling half a mile.

Adelbert Brown and his family after spending a winter in Albuquerque are back again on their claim.

## Weather Report

Generally cloudy in southern portion; colder in northwest portion.

## GENSUS OF TORRANCE COUNTY BY PRECINCTS

The Statistics of Population of New Mexico, shows the population of Torrance County, according to the recent census to be 10,119. According to precincts, this total is divided as follows:

Precincts No. 1, Tajique,.....	783
" " 2, Torreon,.....	785
" " 3, Manzano,.....	607
" " 4, Cienega,.....	247
" " 5, Punta,.....	632
" " 6, Willard,.....	1113
" " 7, Estancia,.....	1317
" " 8, Moriarty,.....	609
" " 9, Palma,.....	454
" " 10, Duran,.....	561
" " 11, Pinos Wells,.....	732
" " 12, Encino,.....	376
" " 13, Abo,.....	309
" " 14, Lucia,.....	191
" " 15, Mountainair,.....	859
" " 16, McIntosh,.....	572

## Fear Coming of Reyes

It is learned from an authentic source that the revolutionists fear that Reyes will persuade President Diaz that minister Limantour has persuaded the president into granting too many concessions to the rebels in order to bring about peace. It is said that Limantour and Reyes have never been on good terms, and that the latter is predisposed to pick flaws in anything done by Limantour.

It is known that when the announcement was made that Gen. Reyes was to return to Mexico, president Diaz was informed by telegraph that his presence might jeopardize negotiations. Just what action Gen. Diaz took is not known, but Reyes postponed his sailing from the 21st to the 25th. Yesterday he again postponed it until the 27th, if a telegram received here is correct.

Reyes is alleged to be ambitious to become president, and his influence over the federal army is great. Whether this would influence his counsel in the Mexican capital cannot be stated, but it is an assured fact that the revolutionists don't want him there. It is feared, justly or unjustly, that he would bring about modifications of concessions which the government is now willing to make to such an extent that Madero would have no other course than to reopen the revolution.

Knowledge that peace negotiations were proceeding by telegraph came as a surprise, as it had been stated by those most concerned that this method was too cumbersome and that after preliminary exchanges of view by this method it had been determined to leave the work to official commissioners.

It is the intention to continue discussion of terms by wire with all possible rapidity, so that the commissioners will have little else to do than to put the agreement into legal phraseology.

The News want adds bring results.

## Childers Taking Baths

Los Palomas  
Hot Springs, N. M.  
April 24, 1911.

P. A. Speckmann,  
Estancia, N. M.  
Friend Phil:—We arrived here on the 20th inst. after eight days on the road. I stood the trip all right until the night I got here, I was taken worse. Have been in bed ever since. I have managed to take five baths. Over a hundred people bathe here a day. Everybody is crippled.

This is a hard looking country. Haven't seen anything since I left Estancia that I would trade for my little old 160 acre home in the Estancia Valley.

So long for this time as I have to rest.

Yours truly,  
J. D. Childers.

## Drought Wont Drive 'em Away

Wednesday evening's Santa Fe New Mexican gave the Estancia Valley a two column write-up, which is appreciated by Estancians, as it is a boost for the valley and for irrigation. The New Mexican realizes that the settlers who have stuck it out through the past two years, and deserving of great credit, and expresses itself in the following:

With a two years' experience calculated to discourage the most confirmed optimist; with over half the original new comers returned east in disgust, the people who are staying by the Estancia valley are the pick of all boosters, and are stubbornly staying with a proposition which they are going to make win in the end. Adversity, year after year, with every promise of rain month after month unfulfilled, has not feazed these indomitable farmers and every man now living on a claim on the vast plateau of the Estancia valley may be relied on when it comes to the show down. They are all there to stay and all there to make good if it takes another three or four years, or longer.

## Look for the Eclipse

Today is the day for the total eclipse of the sun. Keep your eyes open. A similar eclipse will not occur for fifty-four years again. The hour for the eclipse is variously given by different authorities. The Scientific American, which we consider the best authority gives the time as 10:27 New York time, or about 8:27 Mountain time.

News Readers get the News first.

## SHOT WHILE SITTING IN HIS OWN HOME

Taiban, N. M., April 26.—While seated in his home near his eighteen months old daughter at 8 o'clock last night, Edward Gardner, constable and real estate man here, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded. He is still alive today but his condition is serious.

The would-be assassin used a shot gun loaded with No. 4 shot, which was fired at a distance of only twenty paces. The shot shattered the window and terribly mangled Mr. Gardner's head on the back of the left side.

There is no clew to the would be assassin, as Mr. Gardner has no enemies, he so far as any one knew. He declared he did not know who to suspect of the crime.

Citizens at once offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of his assailant dead or alive and a message police have been asked to come here at once and a message is that members of the force have been sent.

A hasty investigation after the shooting showed that the party who fired the shot had evidently watched the house for some time. He came around the corner from the rear and stood in a dark spot under the window. Mr. Gardner had eaten supper with his wife and little daughter, who was being gotten ready for bed. He sat in a chair in the full light from a lamp and in plain view to anyone standing outside the window. Whether both barrels or only one barrel of the shot gun was fired, is not known. The man who shot Mr. Gardner fled immediately and apparently went in the direction of the business center of Taiban.

Physicians this afternoon are doing everything possible for the wounded man and now say he has a slight chance of recovering if complications do not set in. The shot struck his head in a glancing angle and may not have injured the brain sufficient to result in death. His skull was shattered on the left side.

The window panes broke the force of the shot, it is believed.

Mr. Gardner is thirty-two years old and has a wife and one child. He has always had a good reputation here and it was not known that he had any enemy who would desire to take his life. Tracks left by the would be assassin are being guarded, until dogs can be put on the trail.

If its news you want, subscribe for the Morning News. If you want history, any old paper will do.