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THE HERALD'S NEW YEAR NUMBER.

ON SATURDAY, New Year's Day, the Herald will issue a special edition which will be somewhat unique in the way of special newspaper numbers for this particular day. It will contain brief summaries of events in America, abroad and in New Mexico, during the past year and an especially interesting summary of events in their order during the year 1915 in Latin America.

But the section of chief interest will be that devoted to a series of statements by the leading business men of the whole state, in which they will give their views as business men of the outlook for New Mexico and its various sections for 1916. Every one of these men is fitted to forecast business conditions and every one of them will contribute briefly some expression of what in his opinion the coming year has in store for the people of this state.

The New Year's day paper also will contain several important descriptive articles on Albuquerque and sections of the state, as well as several articles of a promotional nature.

The especially wide distribution which will be made of this edition of the Evening Herald will make it of particular value to advertisers, especially to those who have more than a local business range, and its general make-up will be such as to give it outstanding value for all readers of this newspaper.

Watch for the Herald's New Year Day edition.

BEST YEAR FOR THE "BEST SELLER."

AMONG those reporting unprecedented prosperity in business during the past year are the manufacturers and publishers of Bibles.

They report an increase of about 50 per cent in business over the best previous year.

For generations the Bible has been an assured and secure "best seller." Its sales average 40,000 copies a day. The record shows in the course of the nineteenth century 200,000,000 copies of the Bible, completed and partial, were sold. Among mere novels a total sale of 25,000 copies is considered very good. It took "Ben Hur" twenty-odd years to get beyond the million mark, and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" appears to only have doubled in its long career the mark made by General Lew Wallace's book.

The "Book of Books" in part has survived the long centuries since Moses led the hosts of Israel from captivity in Egypt to the Promised Land. The remainder of its has survived since the Carpenter of Galilee talked and taught and worked miracles in Palestine and the region around about. Not only is that true, but century after century this Book has grown in power and popularity.

The changes of the ages have not marred its truths nor lessened its value to mankind.

Today, in spite of a murderous war, with its disasters, its disillusionments and its shittings, the Bible—Book Divine—retains first place in the selling lists.

It is proper to say that a portion of the increase in business reported by the manufacturers of Bibles in this country is due to the fact that publishers in other lands are handicapped by war conditions. American printers and binders reap the commercial advantage of these conditions. But much of the increase may be fairly attributed to the growing prosperous conditions in the United States.

Lovers of the Bible—and there are many millions in our own country—will rejoice in the prosperity of the publishers of the "Best Seller," the Book they love and the truths of which they revere.

THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

THE thirty-sixth annual report of the director of the United States geological survey, just made public, emphasizes not only the widespread activities of this scientific and economic organization, but their great diversity. The survey investigations cover every branch of the developed and latent mineral resources of a country whose mineral resources are the greatest in the world. The work of the survey is conducted under three scientific branches and includes three corresponding kinds of activity. Under the geologic branch, investigations are made concerning the mineral resources of the entire United States and Alaska, ranging from truly exploratory surveys of regions practically unknown to white men to the most detailed geologic examination of mining camps. Last year 26,000 square miles were thus geologically examined.

Work of the survey that is even more of a pioneer type, however, is done by the topographic engineers, who have made surveys during the year in thirty states as well as in Alaska and Hawaii. The survey's topographic map is the base or mother map of the United States.

The other scientific branch of the survey is that which conducts investigations of water resources, including the measurement of the volume of the important rivers of the country and their tributaries, as well as the study of underground water resources. Stream measurements are carried on from year to year, and the engineering data thus obtained are used in all kinds of hydraulic engineering, such as projects involving power, irrigation, drainage and flood prevention.

Another important feature of the geological survey's work is the collection and publication of mineral statistics. Survey geologists are in correspondence with some 20,000 miners, mine operators and mineral producers, whose output covers all the useful minerals, and the data thus obtained are published by the survey in reports on seventy-five subjects. The total appropriation provided by congress for the geological survey during the current year is approximately $1,500,000.

EXPERT TELLS OF PREPARING BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION

Bulletin of Department of Agriculture Explains Best Methods of Making Fowls' Appearance Good.

An article in the latest Weekly News Letter of the department of agriculture gives an interesting explanation of methods employed to make fowls look their best in preparation for poultry shows. The article follows:

Every fowl, whether young or mature, should be in first class show condition when it enters the exhibition hall. The plumage should be the standard length for the breed, lustrous and plentiful, the head bright red in color, and the comb developed to the required size. The specimen should appear in handsome trim, good physical condition, and trained to exhibit his good qualities to advantage. Careful training imparts to a bird sufficient confidence to assume and hold desired poses under showroom conditions.

If possible, obtain exhibition coops similar to those used at the show you will attend. Cover the floor with short straw or a mixture of bran and straw for feather-leg breeds. Two months before the show place the birds you intend to exhibit in the coops at night. Visit the coops as frequently as you can and handle the birds often. Carry them around under the arm, open their wings and examine the undercolor, and accustom them to every movement of the judge. It is not advisable or necessary to keep the show birds confined in the training coops. A day at a time is sufficient. Then, allow them the run of the house for two or three days and outdoor exercise if seasonable.

It is necessary to examine show birds carefully at least two weeks before the show. Remove all imperfect feathers, in the hope that they will be replaced by feathers of standard color. Frequently a colored feather showing a little white along the edge of the web will molt out perfectly when the fowl is well fed on sour-milk moistened meal and grain. Never pluck a new feather—one in which the quill is filled with fluid—as it will invariably return partially white. A few days before the exhibition examine your birds again and pluck the imperfect feathers. It is quite a problem to determine the best procedure when there is foreign color in some of the large feathers on the wings or tail. If the color is a cause for disqualification, there is no justification for shipping the bird to the show. What is best to do will depend upon the quality of the specimen in other sections and upon the amount of defective color in the wings. Usually these defects occur in similar feathers in both wings.

All white fowls must be whitened, and most breeds of other colors can be improved in appearance by a whitening, fluffing and grooming before the show. For white birds have three tubs filled with (1) warm, soft or rain water; (2) warm, soft or rain water, (3) warm, soft or rain water colored the proper shade to rinse and blue white goods. Use a box of good white or castile soap and a large sponge and a nail brush. Have the temperature of the room 90 or 95 degrees and bring the birds in cloth exhibition coops, the floors of which should be covered with fresh, dry sawdust. Wash the molted first. Clean the shanks and feet with the nail brush, soap and water. Insert the bird in tub (1) and press it down under the water several times until the plumage is wet through; make a lather lather with the sponge and soap, and thoroughly wash the plumage with the sponge; open the wings and sponge them in the direction of the feathers. (In fact, sponge wash the length of the feather, from the quill to the tip and not across it.) Keep the bird's head out of the soapy water if possible; sponge the soap off the bird, and remove to tub (2). Press it under the water several times, allow it to stand and drip for a few seconds and then dip it twice in tub (3) containing the bluing water. Remove the bird from the water, hold its legs firmly and raise it up and down quickly, so that it will nap and expand its wings and tail and shake out the water. Do not use a towel to dry a white bird.

Place the exhibition coop near the fire or some heat, so that the bird will dry. Lifting up the plumage of the breast and opening the feathers of the fluff while drying has a tendency to increase the apparent size of these sections. It is necessary to examine the white birds frequently if the coops are near a stove to guard against overheating them or scorching or curling their feathers.

The shanks and feet of exhibition fowls must be absolutely clean and well polished. To overcome rough scales rub the legs twice daily with a cloth dipped in kerosene, and a short time before the show wash them thoroughly. Use a good scouring soap, woolen cloth, and warm rain water. Remove any old or rough scales and also the dirt between the scales. The latter can be taken out with toothpicks. Dry the shanks and apply a solution of equal parts of sweet oil and alcohol. Then warm a woolen cloth and scrape a little beeswax on it. The warmth will melt the wax, and the shanks should then be polished with the waxed cloth.

Before shipping the birds to the exhibition apply the sweet oil and alcohol solution to the face and comb. If you are showing white birds, fill their plumage, after washing and when thoroughly dry, with equal parts of bran and rice flour. Some exhibitors use cornstarch, which is equally satisfactory. This prevents the plumage becoming soiled, and when the starch is shaken out at the show and the fowls are groomed they apparently take a higher polish. However, the crops must have wooden or muslin tops and sides to prevent rain coming in contact with the starched plumage. The final grooming is accomplished with a silk handkerchief, rubbing and polishing the feathers until the plumage has a high luster.

ELECTRIC PLANT AT CLOVIS REACHES ITS LIMIT UNEXPECTEDLY

Clovis, N. M., Dec. 27.—The growth of Clovis is well illustrated by the report of G. W. Chalfont, director of the city's public works, that the electric light plant has reached its capacity and that improvements are needed at once. It had not been expected that the plant would need increase before next year.

In his report to the water and light committee of the council Mr. Chalfant states that under existing conditions it will be impossible for the plant to take on more load than it has at present, and that it is now necessary to refuse electrical extensions, such as the wiring of residences, business houses, etc., for the reason that it will overtax the generating capacity.

"The increase in consumption of the electricity gives unmistakable evidence of the growth of the city," says Mr. Chalfant, "for a year ago we were using only one generating unit and were holding the other unit for emergencies. Early in the fall it became evident that the two units would have to be used when the load increased in the evenings, but we did not anticipate the great increase which has taken place since that time. It is now impossible to carry the load at any time without the two units and during the night the two generators are running to their full capacity."

The local press is urging an immediate bond issue to provide for the needed increases.

WINSLOW MAIL BACKS BOOTLEGGER'S NOVEL TACTICS HEARILY

Contrary to the settled policy of the Mail, says the Winslow Mail, we must give our hearty endorsement to the policy of an alleged bootlegger who recently started in business at Holbrook and retired with his first 1st profits. A fellow giving his occupation as a painter has been hanging out at Holbrook for several weeks, and during the time got real friendly with the denizens of that burg who did not object to buying a little tonic from time to time. He was a real good fellow with the boys and last week he quietly made the fact known that he was going to Gallup for a day or two and if any of them wanted a little Christmas cheer he would be glad to bring some back if they furnished the coin to make the purchase. As near as we are able to learn the total amount of jackpotter needed to the boys at the county seat totalled about $150, and they were at the train to wish him a safe journey. He went as far east as Adamana, and then bought a ticket for Los Angeles, where he is now probably enjoying himself in the balmy clime with funds sufficient to keep him until spring. This bootlegger has our hearty support and we hope others will work in the same game. There is another moral to this tale. Don't pay over your money to strangers, but patronize the established dealers who are regularly in the business.

DONA ANA COLLECTS FAT SUM AS TAXES; ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 27.—Dona Ana county tax collections for the year ending total $535,811.72, according to a report of the county treasurer just made public. The disbursements follow:

The greatest, $74,116.85, went to the state; the next greatest, $58,276.28, to the general road fund; $28,929 to school district No. 2, and $24,827.14 to school district No. 13; county salaries, $21,152.13.

Collections of $6,948.39 were made on back delinquent in 1910 and prior; for 1911, $2,765.56; for 1912, $8,611.73; for 1913, $27,459.91. The taxes for 1914 amounted to $219,036.47.

There was paid on road repair for El Paso county, Texas, $266.

Poll taxes netted $806.76.

The report shows a balance of $75,111.26.

Today's Live News of the Sunshine State

WM. J. MILLS IS THE VICTIM OF A BRIEF ILLNESS

Former Governor of Territory of New Mexico and Member of Supreme Bench Claimed by Death; Buried Today.

East Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 27.—The funeral of William J. Mills, former member of the supreme bench of New Mexico and last governor of the community under the territorial regime, was held this afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal church. Governor Mills died Christmas eve. of pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks.

His funeral was attended by many, including a number of the most prominent men of the state.

Following is the list of active pallbearers:

Judge Frank W. Parker, Daniel T. Hoskins, Judge David J. Leahy, Dr. Joseph M. Cunningham, John S. Clark, Stephen B. Davis.

The honorary pallbearers will be:

Judge William H. Pope, Judge Richard H. Hanna, Judge Clarence J. Roberts, Judge John R. McFie, Judge M. C. Mechem, Judge Herbert F. Raynolds, Judge N. B. Laughlin, Senator Albert B. Fall, Senator Thomas B. Catron, former Governor George Curry, Col. J. W. Willson of Roswell, A. B. Renehan, Nathan Jaffa, Charles Ilfeld, Max Nordhaus, David G. Winters, William G. Haydon, R. Y. Long, John D. W. Veeder, Eugenio Romero, Dr. R. K. McClanahan, Dr. W. H. Tipton, Harry Kelly, M. M. Padgett, David W. Condon, Cecilio Rosenwald, J. Van Houten, Fred O. Blood, E. C. Murphey, Thomas W. Hayward, Chris Weigand, Robert L. M. Ross, John H. Avery, Earl Hope, Louis Ilfeld, A. A. Jones, John H. York, Secundino Romero, E. H. Raynolds, Hallett M. Raynolds, Dr. H. M. Smith, Dr. Frank R. Lord, William J. Lucas, Dr. E. A. Shaw, George H. Kinkid, Charles A. Spiess, William E. Hartner, Charles W. G. Ward, Miguel A. Otero, B. S. Rodey, Felix Martinez, Joshua Raynolds, Jefferson Raynolds, Hugo Seichers, Harburton Sales, W. G. Sargent, Frank W. Cheney, John Marsh, Rufus J. Palen.

Pneumonia was given as the cause of death, though the ex-governor had been ill for some time and the end was not unexpected. The governor had been very active in political affairs, being the last territorial executive and having been a candidate for the senate before the first state legislature. It was during his administration that successful steps toward statehood, in which he had considerable part, were taken.

The last few years, however, he practically had retired from active political affairs, living quietly at his home in Las Vegas. As governor and as a member of the territorial supreme court he was admired and respected by all who knew him.

William Joseph Mills was born in 1849, on the eleventh of January, in Yazoo City, Miss. He was the son of William Mills of Virginia and Harriet Beale Mills of Pennsylvania. His early days were spent in Connecticut, whither his mother removed shortly after the death of his father.

The governor was a graduate of the Norwich Free Academy, though he attended private schools for a portion of his early education. He graduated from the Yale law school in 1877. Eight years later he married Miss Alice Waddingham of West Haven, Conn. Prior to his appointment to the territorial supreme bench of New Mexico he practiced law in this state and in Connecticut. He served on the New Mexico supreme bench from 1892 to 1910, when he became governor.

LAS VEGAS MERCHANTS UNITE TO HELP FARMERS

East Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 27.—Active work in behalf of the farmers has been taken up by the Intercounty Seed and Livestock Improvement association, organized here Friday under the direction of M. R. Gonzalez, the county agent.

Arrangements have been made for furnishing the best of seed to the farmers at cost this spring. The membership of the new association is made up of the most influential and public-spirited men of the community. The organization probably will be extended to adjoining counties.

TWO OF THIRTEEN AT POPE'S DINNER DEAD

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 27.—It has been called to mind that of the thirteen jurists who sat down at the dinner given by Federal Judge William H. Pope recently, two are dead. These are Judge Edward A. Mann of Alamogordo and Ex-Governor William J. Mills of East Las Vegas.

At the dinner Judge Mann is reported to have said: "It is unlikely that all of us will ever be together again."

TORRANCE COUNTY IS BEING RID OF WILD ANIMALS BY TRAPPERS

Estancia, N. M., Dec. 27.—The trappers in Torrance county are going to be strong rivals of the bootleggers before the winter is over. From the first to the twenty-second of the present month over 150 skins have been turned in to the county clerk's office for bounty.

The majority of these were coyotes, with numerous cats and one or two foxes.

The bounty, together with the high price paid out for good furs this year, makes trapping a profitable trade to follow, and those who understand the game are making a success of it.

NEW MEXICO LIVE STOCK NOTES.

W. W. Ward of Carlsbad has purchased the old S S ranch headquarters and the Runyan and Segrest property. The consideration is private but is said to be large.

Miles Stone of Carlsbad has extensive improvements under way at his ranch, including concrete watering tanks and other innovations.

J. W. Smith has closed a deal with H. M. Williams for a number of milch cows. Both men are from San Jon.

W. D. Hudson sent 440 head of cows to Kansas City Wednesday, shipping from Riverton. The price for the bulk of them was $35, the lowest paid in Eddy county for some time.

Delivery of 150 head of cows, bought by James Wise of Tucumcari from W. R. Hunter of Fort Sumner, will be made at the latter place today.

James Jones of the Canton country bought 200 head of dry cows from W. M. Hunter of Fort Sumner last week, delivery being made at La Lande.

P. E. Williams of Ines shipped another carload of hogs to Fort Worth Saturday. Mr. Williams is fattening hogs on grain raised on his own ranch, having 200 acres which were brought to fruition by one man and a team, 60 acres of which threshed 2,100 bushels.

G. M. Williamson and J. E. Johnson last week bought the Campbell ranch, forty sections under fence. The consideration was $12,000. The ranch will carry about 3,000 cattle. They are now buying cattle to stock the place.

W. W. Van Winkle of Rogers is feeding about sixty head of calves this year on silage. This is his second year in this business and he says it is very successful. The stuff is mostly Black Poles.

Several Elida men are buying pure-bred Hereford cows. Shipley Brothers, J. J. Snowden and others being among them.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Lewis of Magdalena surprised a couple of men with a bunch of stock near that town. The men departed hastily, leaving 22 head of horses, several pack mules and their outfit to the deputy, who now is awaiting a claimant for the stock.

The La Luz ranch, near Alamogordo, has several carloads of fine fat hogs ready for shipment. The animals are being fattened on the wild mast in the mountains and are doing well. They will go to Oklahoma City markets.

B. L. Harless of Tucumcari has received three cars of Roe Herefords which he is selling to the farmers of that section.

PRESS LINING UP FOR ANDREWS FOR SENATOR

The direction of the political wind is indicated more or less by a number of articles appearing in the press of the state urging the candidacy of W. H. Andrews of this city, formerly delegate in congress from the territory of New Mexico, for the Republican nomination for senator. The Pecos Valley News of Artesia prints the following along this line:

The Man for the Place.

It is not the desire of the supporters of William H. Andrews for the Republican nomination for United States senator to deny in any way the merits of other candidates for that office. They simply urge that Mr. Andrews is not only entitled to the place on account of his past services to the party but also that he will be by far the strongest candidate the Republicans can secure. When in office he always worked for the best interests of the party and the state, and when occasion demanded he has not hesitated to efface himself that the party might be benefited thereby. There seems to be but little doubt that we would have a Democratic senator in place of Senator Catron today if Mr. Andrews had not withdrawn from the race before the legislature, and this one act alone entitles him to be given first consideration at the hands of the Republicans of New Mexico. But even if that is not to be considered it must be admitted that he is far the strongest man we have to offer against any candidate the Democrats may put up.

GOOD BACKS FOR BAD.

Albuquerque Residents Are Learning How to Exchange the Old Back For a Stronger One.

Does your back ache, feel weak and painful?

Do you suffer headaches, languor and depression?

Is the urine discolored, passages irregular?

The kidneys may be calling for help.

Weak kidneys cannot do their work. Give them the help they need.

To cure a kidney backache you must cure the kidneys.

Use a tested and proven kidney remedy.

Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

Convincing proof of merit in Albuquerque endorsement:

A Simpler, proprietor shoe store, 218 South Second street, Albuquerque, says: "I was troubled by weak kidneys. My back was lame and I felt all tired out. Two boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have stayed cured."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. Simpler. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

New Mexico News Notes

Sam Strong, driver of a motor truck for the Floersheim lumber yard, at Springer, was so blinded by a dust storm Thursday morning that he ran down a little girl, Berhardita Pacheeho, with the machine. She was not seriously hurt.

Richard Boulware of Springer has a fine well after numerous vain borings. The new bore is 337 feet deep and the water in it has a fifty-seven foot rise. Much of the distance bored was through hard rock.

Dr. Ow W. Bennett of Fort Sumner shot himself through the head Sunday morning. Despondency was said to be the cause. He leaves a widow and three children.

Several cases of diphtheria are reported at Hagerman, with at least one death due to the scourge.

Six prisoners awaiting sentence in Colfax county will hear their fate in Raton today.

Arthur Floyd and M. M. Shelton, managers of the Heaton and Gibson company stores for some time past, have purchased the trading store of Frank Swartz and William Brown at Pinedale.

Walter L. Kegel, for some time an assistant to the traveling auditor, has been elected city clerk of Raton, where he will act as accountant for the municipal water works as well as transact the affairs of the municipality. He has taken up his new duties. Mr. Kegel has just finished an audit of the city accounts.

Work is to commence soon on the Peach Springs, Arizona, power plant, according to Engineer James G. Girard. Mr. Girard has set a force of men at work surveying a route to the proposed power site and is preparing to built a road to it. It is planned to make this station but one of a chain of plants west of the Grand Canyon.

Hugh Scott, convicted of embezzlement in connection with the closing of the First State bank at Tucumcari, will complete his one year sentence in the penitentiary January 7. It is understood he will go to Oklahoma to engage in business on his release. T. B. D. Smith, president of the defunct First State bank of Las Cruces, now under $15,000 bond, is said to be in the insurance business in Oklahoma.

George A. Dupert, the only American killed in the recent riots in Juarez, was a Raton man, leaving the Gate City only about a month ago to take a position at El Paso. He acted as a fireman in Raton and in El Paso held a car inspector's position.

A second set of incorporation petitions are being circulated in Lordsburg, the first set having expired by limitation. The expense of survey and census of the proposed town has been guaranteed. The petitions will be filed with the county commissioners soon, following which the survey and census will be made, and if it is found that a majority of the voters have favored the incorporation, that will be declared.

The Deming chamber of commerce has elected the following officers to direct its work for 1916: J. A. Mahoney, president; A. A. Temple, treasurer; J. G. Cooper, A. C. Raithel, E. B. Vailandigham, Carl R. Baugh, Dr. F. D. Steele, M. A. Nordhaus and N. A. Rodick, directors.

The directors of the Royal John mining properties met in Deming last Monday, reviewing the work done to date, which has involved the expenditure of about $22,000.

E. C. Childers and associates, of Clovis, have purchased the Houston-Hart company and will operate it under the title of Lone Star Lumber company. The business will not be moved from its location at Clovis.

The governor named Judge N. B. Laughlin of Santa Fe and Benito Valdez of Black Lake notaries Christmas eve.

Two Christmas weddings took place in Santa Fe. Miss Anna Stackhouse morning Robert H. Wooderson, manager of the Santa Fe dairy, and Walter Harper and Anna Pearl Jackson, both of Atlantic, Colo., being married by a local pastor.

Young Duran got a draw with Kid Harrison of San Francisco at Springer Christmas eve.

The beautiful Christmas tree at Santa Fe failed to draw the usual crowd Christmas eve.

Prisoners at the state penitentiary got a real turkey dinner Christmas, with cranberry sauce, dressing, mince pie and cigars. Mass was said at the prison Christmas morning and stockings filled with nuts, candy and fruits were distributed to the prisoners.

Sam H. Holland, a well known citizen of Clovis, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon. Acute indigestion was the cause.

Frank E. Landau, formerly on the Las Vegas Optic, now is managing editor of the Westchester Gadget of Yonkers, N. Y.

R. S. Tipton, superintendent of schools for Otero county, has apportioned the county school fund. There are 2,742 pupils in the county and the apportionment was $2.50 each.

On account of the weather the engineering corps which has been making a survey of the projected extensions and improvements of the Denver and Rio Grande into the San Juan country has given up its work for the winter.

William Hochne, 84, for fifty years a resident of New Mexico, died December 22 at the home of his adopted son, Elias Hochne, at Santa Rosa. He had been an associate of Dan Webster, Lucien B. Maxwell and other noted figures of early New Mexican history.

Juan Sonoval was shot at Vaughn Wednesday by a native of Old Mexico named Munoz, who is being held in the Santa Rosa jail. Sonoval is not expected to live.

J. D. Pierce, driving an auto to Cuervo from Tucumcari last week had a narrow escape when the car turned turtle. He escaped with a few bruises, being extricated from beneath the car by passersby. The car was wrecked.

George M. Smith and Mary A. Smith of Tucumcari celebrated their golden wedding December 21.

Through private aid the road north from Cuervo for many miles has been put in excellent condition. T. B. Pigg was in charge of the work and Joseph Holbrook was largely instrumental in getting the funds raised for it.

The El Paso and Southwestern Bridge gang is at work repairing bridges and culverts near Cuervo.

The Madrid Y. M. C. A. celebrated Christmas in fitting style, with a tree, presents for everyone, motion picture show and several interesting talks by members.

Malignant smallpox of Type is flaring again in published Republican states. The Revista de Taos is responsible for his latest appearance, naming with him Antonio A. Rivera for district attorney of Taos, Colfax and Quay counties and Frank A. Hubbell for senator. Mr. Hubbell is advanced as an about candidate for corporation commissioner.

WANTS FEDERAL RAILROAD INTO SAN JUAN BASIN

Congressman from Durango District Offers Bill for Construction of Line Into Rich But Isolated Section.

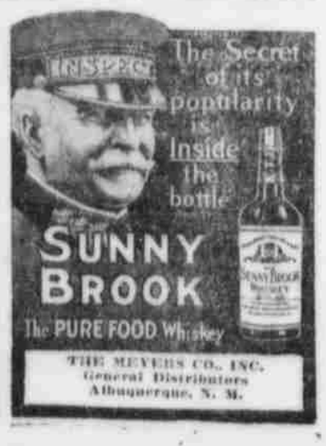
Farmington, N. M., Dec. 27.—Plans for a federal railroad into the San Juan basin, to supply the need for transportation which is the principal drag on the San Juan basin's progress, have been crystallized in a bill offered in congress by Representative Edward T. Taylor of the Durango district of Colorado.

The bill was drafted by the Durango Chamber of Commerce and proposes the loan of government funds for the construction, with repayment from the road's receipts, the road itself to be security. The loan is asked on the ground that the road will tap a huge coal area of coal deposits which will be immensely valuable as a factor in national preparedness.

The various communities of the three states most interested, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado, will be urged to endorse the bill to their congressmen and senators and to secure the aid of these gentlemen for it.

The bill, in a preamble, sets forth the vast coal areas to be reached, setting the total at 12,000 square miles, rehearses the fertility of the valley and its great productiveness, cites as isolation and the difficulties attendant upon getting coal or other products to market, plays upon the governmental policy of conservation the blame for the non-development of the coal lands by private interests, sets forth the revenue to be obtained by the government through the development of the coal lands, and urges other reasons for the building of the road.

The act provides for the appointment by the president of a commission of three to handle all matters connected with the road. The commission is to be empowered to do everything needful for the building of the road, arrange for lines of communication necessary to its operation, etc., and sets $4,500,000 as the maximum of government credit to be utilized for the work.

Hernandez After Funds for State.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 27.—R. C. Hernandez, congressman for New Mexico has introduced bills in the national legislature calling toward the expending of $75,000 for a bacteriology in the Artesia county, $1,000 for a survey of the Estancia valley, with a view to the locating of reservoirs, ditches and irrigation projects, and $200,000 for the extermination of predatory animals in this state and Texas.