Carriage Chips : : : : : and Chatter

CARTHAGE, N. M., Nov. 8, 1891.

Editors of the OLD ABE EAGLE.

Messrs:—Opportunities are so rare for us to see or hear anything of our quiet camp, in public print, that we avail ourselves of your offer at the earliest possible moment. Taking it for granted that the majority of your readers are acquainted with the location and history of our camp, we will only speak of it as it is to-day. And as we are only a coal mining camp it can hardly be expected that we can write up the history of political celebrities or persons of note as being located amongst us, but of a hard working, quiet set of miners made up of Mexicans and Italians with a sprinkling of English speaking people, a majority of which hail from bonnie Scotland. Quite a number of our people of late have been moving away to Gallup, following the fortunes of a former Superintendent, a Mr. James. Our station Agent, Mr. Palmer, and his assistant Foley are kept almost too busy to add to the social conditions of our society. Foley, however, manages to break out of labor's chains occasionally, and shows up in all his brilliancy. Sergeant Pool, the representative or Uncle Sam in the Signal Service at this point manages to turn the tide of rain and wind storms along the valley of the Rio Grande in a manner that assures us of fine weather at all times. And only once since I came here has he failed, and on that night he must have dropped asleep and left his key open, as it seemed as if nature had combined to punish him for any delays he had caused in the past.

Our camp physician, Dr. Wright, is another busy man and as he whirls by our doors mounted on his cream colored steed we are reminded that another accident has occured in the mines, or some Mexican child has a turn of the colic.

Our worthy landlord, Mr. McKinley, whilst a miner himself his labors have in no way detracted from his hospitality and all who stop with him speak highly of their entertainment.

We have a branch store of Gross Blackwell & Co. presided over by a genial Scot Donald Stuart and a cashier, James Smiley, who hails from the sunny South, having first seen the light in Old Virginia; he is a genial society man. Wm Dinsmore, the young billing clerk, is kept busy looking after the shipping interests of the firm, but finds time to play the agreeable to some of the fair damsels of the camp. Mr. Hawthorne, the Superintendent of the mines, is wholly engrossed in the interests of the company and finds no time to appear in society. His chief clerk, Mr. John T. Rowe, is our most noted society man, in fact, is the leader in most of our social gatherings.

Wm. Pratt, the store keeper at the mines and also in company with Mr. Palmer, are the owners of the butcher shop. He is a gay young Canadian and whilst paying a strict attention to business finds abundance of time to pay attention to the fair sex, and with the exception of an occasional accident, such as runaways and so forth, everything seems to go on swimmingly with him. They have a young clerk in the shops E. Braskit. He seems, however, to take more to the banks of the muddy Rio Grande or some of the inhabitants living thereon, as I can hardly believe that his frequent trips to the valley are all for business.

There are numerous other of our inhabitants worthy of mention here, fearing, however, that I might draw this article out too long for convenience, I will speak of other than private citizens. We have two public, English and Spanish, schools, and one private school where only Spanish is taught. The company erected a large and imposing school house, with a hall overhead for public use. We have a Knights of Pythias Lodge in a flourishing condition.

Preliminary meetings have been held for the organization of a Young Men's Christian Association, but owing to some difficulty in the selection of officers but little has as yet been accomplished. Another drawback seems to be over the place where the meetings are to be held. Some of our citizens are objecting to the place where the preliminary meetings have been held so far, and unless a peace can be patched up between the factions I fear naught will come of it. As to the resources and expenditures of our mines I can only give you such information as I can gather from day to day as I see it, as the product and expenditures are wholly governed by the head officials at Topeka, Kansas. The productions of the two mines at this writing is about two hundred tons per day, all of which is shipped from here to El Paso for use of the Mexican Central Ry. This gives employment to about one hundred and fifty men. The water used for steam purposes at the mine and also for domestic use of the camp, is hauled here from a well at San Antonio, by car loads, the usual supply being about eight car loads per day. The water pumped from the mines is too strongly impregnated with alkali for either steam or domestic purposes. The grassy animals, however, which roam over the mountains drink it and seem to thrive on it. We have two trains per day each way, (except Sunday when there is but one) running up here from San Antonio. Our mail, however, is brought to us, as yet, the old primitive way, by stage coach.

We are living in hopes that, ere long, we shall be connected with your thriving town by rail, and that better facilities will be afforded us for mail and travel. Wishing you success in your undertaking, and at any time should you desire any news that I can contribute from our prosy camp, I will cheerfully do so.

"SABE."

FT. STANTON NOTES.

Fort Stanton is situated on the east bank of the Rio Bonito, 121 miles from Carthage, N. M., 35 miles from White Oaks, 18 miles from Nogal, 9 miles from Lincoln and 65 miles from Roswell.

The Post was established in 1857, the site being selected by General Alexander McD. McCook, the present popular department commander. For many years the Mescalero Indian Reservation embraced the whole surrounding country, and Fort Stanton was the residence of the Indian agent as well as the Military headquarters. The present post trader's store was originally an Indian trading store, but those who served here in the sixties would hardly recognize the old fort of those days, so material have been the changes of the last decade.

A complete system of waterworks was put in in 1885 under the direction of Lieutenant, (now Capt.) G. L. Scott, Quartermaster, and the sewerage system was added in 1887. The water supply is obtained from a well about 50 yards from the river bank, but to avoid the overflow which occurs almost every year, a new well is being dug about 100 yards from the river bank. An ice machine was put in the past summer, thus ensuring a lasting supply of pure ice at a nominal cost to the government.

The Post is the head quarters of the 10th U. S. Infantry, the officers of the garrison being as follows:

Col. E. H. Pearson, Col. 10th Infantry, commanding.

Staff—First Lieut. I. W. Littell, 10th Infantry, regimental adjutant.

First Lieut. E. H. Plummer, 10th Infantry, regimental quartermaster.

Post Chaplain, Rev. Chas. E. Pearson, chaplain, now absent on leave.

First Lieut. N. S. Jarvis, A. S. post surgeon.

The field officers are as follows:

Capt. I. N. Wheelan, 2d U. S. Cavalry, commanding troop G, 2d Cavalry.

First Lieut., F. D. Rucker.

Second Lieut., D. L. Brainard.

Capt. S. H. Lincoln, commanding Company E, 10 U. S. Infantry.

First Lieut. Bogardus Eldridge, 10th Infantry.

Capt. I. T. Kirkman (east on leave of absence) commanding Company B, 10th Infantry. First Lieut., Henry Kirby, 10th Infantry; Second Lieut., A. W. Brewster, 10th Infantry; First Lieut. William Paulding, 10th Infantry.

The non-commissioned staff consists of Sergeant Major James Ronayne, Drum Major J. H. Cramp, Commissary Sergeant Adolph Semler, Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant William Walther, Post Quartermaster Sergeant William Arnold, Band Leader, Frederick Crutsbeurg, Hospital Steward, Frederick Schumacher.

The total strength of the garrison may be estimated at about 210 men, distributed about as follows:

Band 10th U. S. Infantry, 21 men.

Troop G, 2d U. S. Cavalry, 58 men.

Company E, 10th U. S. Infantry, 64 men.

Company B, 10th U. S. Infantry, 67 men.

The various divisions of the Quartermaster's department are under the control of the following civilian employees:

Blacksmith and farrier, J. N. Bailey; engineer and machinest, Chas. J. Steen; wheelwright and carpenter, James A. Murray.

A description of Fort Stanton would be incomplete without mentioning the Post Trader's establishment of Messrs. DeLaney & Vail. I have been informed that these gentlemen will soon arrange their mutual differences, and the "Trader's Store" will soon be going full blast again. At present, S. R. Corbett, Esq., is filling the dual part of bookkeeper and clerk, while the P. O. department is held down by John H. Canning. The office of the U. S. Signal Service and U. S. Weather Bureau are at present located in the Post Trader's building, and that efficient public servant, Sergeant W. O. Bailey, is always to be found at his post.

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The sale of Captain Kirkman's household goods took place Saturday, and was attended by quite a number of buyers from Lincoln, White Oaks, Nogal and Pecacho. Our old friend, J. P. C. Langston and Uncle John Brothers were among the White Oaks delegates.

Paymaster A. S. Towar arrived here late on Saturday evening and distributed about $6,000 in crisp bank notes among the boys on Sunday morning. The Major left again for the railroad Monday morning. He hopes ere long to take the cars to White Oaks, and thus avoid the long drive from here to Carthage. Have patience, Major, and you will soon ride to White Oaks on a Pullman.

Frank Bennett and George Moore of Nogal, W. R. Ellis and Wm. Needham of Lincoln, spent a few days at the Post this week.

Scipio Salazar, County Treasurer, and Buck Guyse of Pecacho, attended the Kirkman sale, and bought quite a quantity of furniture, etc.

J. C. D. Lang, S. T. Gray and Jas. J. Dolan visited the Hondo Ranch on Monday last. They report a big crop of alfalfa, and the imported stock of Messrs. De Laney and Vail are doing well.

Lieut. Alb. Brewster left here on the 11th for Fort Grant, Arizona, to be examined for promotion to first lieutenancy. Lt. Brewster is one of the most popular officers at this post, and we all will be glad to hear of his promotion.

Lieut. F. D. Rucker, 2d Cav., has been granted a leave of absence for six months and will leave here in a few days for St. Louis, Washington and other points east.

Post Quartermaster Sergeant Wm. Arnold has been ordered to appear as a witness before the U. S. Court at St. Louis, after which the Sergeant will take a six months' furlough

First Lieut. S. Y. Seyburn has been ordered before an examining board at Fort Wayne, Michigan, for promotion to a captaincy. Lieut. Seyburn has been, until recently, Regimental Adjutant of the 10th Infantry at this post.

Major J. S. C. Lee, Chief Quartermaster Department of Arizona, accompanied by Lieut. Charles L. Collins, Inspector of Small Arms practice, arrived here Wednesday on a tour of inspection. Major Lee was well pleased with the general condition of the post, and in company with Lieut. E. S. Plummer, inspected the various barracks of the Quartermaster's Department on Thursday. Lieut. Collins visited the rifle ranges, in company with Lieut. D. L. Barnard. Both gentlemen left on Friday morning for Los Angeles, Department Headquarters.

Pending the arrival of Col. E. H. Pierson, the Post is commanded by Col. J. N. Wheelan, 2d Cavalry.

Lieut. Wm. Paulding left for Carthage Friday morning to meet his family who are en route from New York via Galveston, Texas.

Col. E. H. Pierson and family arrived on Thursday evening and he assumed command of the Regiment Friday morning.

Mrs. Adolph Semler, wife of our efficient Commissary Sergeant, has been quite ill the past week. We are happy to report a marked improvement in the lady's condition at time of writing.

Married, at Lincoln, N. M., Nov. 5th, by the Hon. Michael Cronin, Probate Judge of Lincoln county, First Sergeant William Shoover, Company B, 10th U. S. Infantry, to Miss Justine Gondrean, of Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Shoover left for Detroit on the stage Wednesday morning, where the Sergeant will join her at an early date. The correspondent of "THE EAGLE," wishes the young couple many years of married bliss and hopes all their troubles may be "little ones."

W. W. Paul, a prominent ranchman of the Penasco country, arrived here Friday evening with a large load of oats to be delivered on contract of S. R. Corbett.

James and Jos. Salsbury, from Hondo Ranch, spent the day at the Post. They brought two large loads of baled alfalfa for Receiver Dolan.

Nov. 13, '91. VERITAS.

LINCOLN LACONICS.

LINCOLN, N. M., Nov. 14, 1891.

DEAR EDITOR:—I hear with pleasure that you will soon commence your new paper, "THE OLD ABE EAGLE" and hope that "THE OLD ABE EAGLE" will be as successful as its namesake, the "Old Abe Mine," and turn out treasures in literature and good news to its readers, as the "Old Abe Mine" is turning out treasures in gold.

Do you wish me to write to you something about Lincoln? I would at first mention for the benefit of such of your readers, who have not yet visited our burg, that Lincoln is the county seat of Lincoln county and is situated in the beautiful "Bonito Valley," in a southeasterly direction and about 40 miles from White Oaks.

The valley is called after the Bonito river, (Pretty river,) which comes from the Sierra Blanca and in its course passes by Fort Stanton, where it flows by beautiful meadows, forming the military reservation. The actual beauty of the valley begins about four miles below the Post, where the Capitan mountains rise on both sides of the river and in the west loom up the White mountains with their snow-covered peaks.

Here, the sparkling waters of the Bonito traverse the most beautiful scenery, fields and meadows interchanging with grand forest and mountain scenery. Forming eddies and whirlpools below overhanging rocks and trees, the Bonito waters plunge on in their impetuous course, often dividing themselves into serpentine lines and acequias, traversing the valley and bringing blessings to its inhabitants.

Lincoln is situated nine miles from Fort Stanton, in an opening of the valley and surrounded and protected by the heights of the Capitan mountains from all cold winds coming from the north and west.

The altitude of Lincoln has been estimated as being 5700 feet above the level of the sea, and being so well protected, it has a beautiful mild climate, and in fact compares favorably, as far as scenery and climate are concerned, with many of the most celebrated health resorts in this country and in Europe.

Lincoln has a court house, two hotels, several stores and some quaint old Mexican buildings, relics of the time when the inhabitants of this peaceful village were often molested by Indians. There are the ruins of a tower, which was built some thirty years ago by Enrigues Truxillo. It was formerly three stories high, and often the citizens of the place, which was then called "Rio Bonito," had to seek refuge within its walls, to protect themselves against the depredations of the wild Apaches.

Now, only peaceful Indians, from the Mescalero agency, (about 40 miles distant to the southwest,) are seen here at intervals, trading their ingeniously manufactured wares, deerskins, herbs, roots, &c., for the luxuries of civilization.

We also have a Knights of Pythias Lodge which holds its meetings twice a month on Saturday nights, when the members, who are all dispersed over our neighborhood, have a friendly gathering at their castle hall and many are the banquets and dances held within their hospitable walls or in the large hall of the Lincoln court house.

Lincoln is a sociable place and one of the great resources of the neighborhood. Visitors are constantly here, from near and far, as it is a health resort especially beneficial for those whose lungs are affected, as the rarefied air of our altitude in connection with the beautiful climate has proven to be a great cure for lung diseases, and many who have come here from the big cities in the east have been healed and benefitted by sojourning in our even climate, where the winters are not severe, and the nights in summer cool enough to make a good bed covering very acceptable.

Lincoln is also a good country for fruit-growing. The finest grapes, pears, apricots, peaches and apples and all kinds of small fruit are grown here in splendid variety and of large size and exquisite taste. Fields and trees can be watered by acequias and never-failing springs.

"EL CAPITAN."

Our "News Nuggets" from Nogal failed to materialize this trip.

Notice For Publication.

Trest & Schell vs. J. R. Saltonstall. } In the Justices court Precinct No. 8, Lincoln county New Mexico.

The said defendent J. R. Saltonstall, is hereby notified that a suit in assumpsit by attachment has been commenced against him in said county by said plaintiff, that a writ has been issued against him and his property attached—damages and costs claimed—$12.65, that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on the 5th day of December, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. on said day, judgement by default will be rendered against you and your property sold to satisfy the same.

1t3 J. P. C. Langston, Constable.

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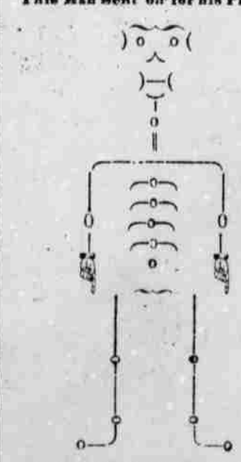

AND HE GOT SKINNED!

Minutes of Session of Probate Court, Held at Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 2nd, day of November, A. D. 1891, it Being a Regular Term Thereof.

Present—Hon. M. Cronin, Probate Judge; D. W. Roberts, Sheriff; George Sena, Probate Clerk.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

In the matter of the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased.

Now comes Gertrudes Gurule de Cervantes, widow of said deceased, and files petition waiving the right of appointment, as administratrix of said estate, and requests the appointment of George Curry as such, beleiving that such appointment will be to the interest of the creditors thereof, and to all parties concerned.

The court taking the matter under consideration does hereby appoint said George Curry administrator of said estate on the filing of a good and sufficient bond in the sum of $1,000.00.

Demetrio Perea, W. T Blanchard and D. J. M. A. Jewett are hereby appointed appraisers of above estate.

Bond of George Curry, administrator of the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased, approved.

In the matter of the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased.

Ordered by the court, that Marino Martin, Wm. Rosenthal and Gertrudes Gurule de Cervantes, be cited to appear before this court at its next regular term, viz: January 4th, A. D. 1891, to answer any and all questions put by the court touching the goods and chattels of said deceased.

Court adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment court convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

There being no immediate business before the court it adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., November 3d, 1891.

Pursuant to adjournment court convened at 9 o'clock a. m., Nov. 3d, A. D. 1891.

Present—Hon. M. Cronin, Probate Judge; D. W. Roberts, Sheriff; George Sena, Probate Clerk.

In the matter of the estate of Charles Fitz, deceased.

Clerk is hereby ordered to issue citations to Emil Fritz, Charles Fritz, Charles Weidman and Henry Fritz, relative to a report in the partition of the Fritz estate, and have them appear before this court with said report, at its next regular session, viz: January 4th, A. D. 1891.

Court adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment court convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

In the matter of the estate of Jas. A. Allen, deceased.

Clerk is hereby ordered to issue citation to administrator of above estate, to be and appear before this court with a report as such, at its next regular session, viz: January 4th, A. D. 1891.

Court took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

In the matter of the estate of Jerome B. Falconer, deceased.

Now comes Geo. B. Barber, Esq., counsel for administrator of above estate, and files report showing there is a residue after all bills, (less lien for taxes thereon) against said estate have been paid, of $1,649.31 for distribution amongst the heirs of said deceased; also files petition asking the court to issue citations to all the heirs of said deceased, and have them appear before this court at its next regular session, and show cause, if any, why the administrator aforesaid should not be allowed to make his final settlement.

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m., Nov. 4th A. D. 1891.

Pursuant to adjournment court convened at 9 o'clock a. m., Nov. 4th, A. D. 1891.

Present—Hon. M. Cronin, Probate Judge; D. W. Roberts, Sheriff; George Sena, Probate Clerk.

Bond of administrator, (W. C. McDonald) of the estate of Alonzo Darnell, deceased, approved.

In the matter of guardianship of Ruth and Ada Martin, minors.

Clerk is hereby ordered to issue citation to Mrs. Mary J. Reynolds, guardian of said minor children to be and appear before this court at its next regular session, viz: January 4th, A. D. 1891, and make a report of all her doings as such guardian since date of appointment.

In the matter of the estate of Clara McVeigh, deceased.

Now comes administrator of said estate and files his report of sale of the personal property of said estate, examined by the court and approved.

In the matter of guardianship of Nellie and Barbara McVeigh, minors.

Ordered that the guardian of above minors, make report to this court of all his doings in the premises, since date of appointment as such, by next regular session of this court, viz: Jan. 4th, A. D. 1891.

In the matter of the estate of C. M. Coggins, deceased.

The administratrix of above estate being beyond the jurisdiction of this court with no resident agent to serve process upon, owing to which final settlement cannot be made therein; ordered that clerk notify E. W. Parker, one of the creditors of said estate, to institute proceedings for his account against the bondsmen of said administratrix.

In the matter of the estate of Ricardo Rivera, deceased.

Ordered that the administrator of above estate make his report of all his doings as such since date of appointment, by next regular session of this court, viz: Jan. 4th, A. D. 1891.

Clerk is hereby ordered to cite Frank Gorst to be and appear before this court at its next regular session, viz; Jan. 4th, A. D. 1891, and present the will, left by his deceased wife, for probating by said court.

Court adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment court convened at 2 o'clock p. m.

Appraisers report in the estate of W. B. Johnson, deceased, approved.

In the matter of the estate of R. C. Parsons, deceased.

Ordered that the administrator of said estate be cited to be and appear before this court at its next regular session, viz; Jan. 4th A. D. 1891.

There being no further business before the court it adjourned sine die.

Approved:

Attest: GEORGE SENA, Probate Clerk. [SEAL.] M. CRONIN, Probate Judge.

Notice for Publication.

Paul Meyer vs. J. R. Saltonstall. } In the Justice's court Precinct No. 8, Lincoln county New Mexico.

The said defendant, J. R. Saltonstall, is hereby notified that a suit in assumpsit by attachment has been commenced against him in said county by said plaintiff, that a writ has been issued against him and his property attached—damages and costs claimed, $15.75, that unless you enter your appearance in said suit on the 27th day of November, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, judgment by default will be rendered against you and your property sold to satisfy the same.

1t2 J. P. C. LANGSTON, Constable.

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE at Roswell, N. M., Oct., 15, 1891.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before George Sena, Probate Clerk, at Lincoln, N. M., on Monday, Nov. 30 1891, viz; Saturnina Torres de Padia, Homestead No. 113 (R. S.) for the Lots 2, 3 and 4, Sec. 19, T. 9 S. R. 14 E. and S. E. ¼ N. E. ¼, Sec. 24, T 9 S. R. 13 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz:

Luis Archuleta, of Lincoln, N. M.
Juan Andres Silva, of " "
Jose Herrera, of Nogal "
Eulogio Herrera, of " "

WINFIELD S. COBEAN, Register.

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