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LEGISLATOR GUILTY

LUCERO FOUND GUILTY—SEEKING A BRIBE.

After Eight Hours Deliberation Santa Fe Jury Convicts Member of State House of Representatives.

DEFENSE ARRAIGNS MEN WHO LAID TRAP.

Counsel for Prosecution Declares Not Guilty Verdict Would Equal Charge of Perjury Against Baca et al.

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 23.—J. P. Lucero, member of the lower house of the state legislature and a prominent figure in the Room 44 episode of the first session of that body, was early this morning found guilty of solicitation of bribery, the jury in his case returning a verdict at 1 a. m., after having been out eight hours.

Because the attorney for the defendant, E. P. Davies, was absent from Santa Fe, at the time the verdict was returned, the usual motions for a reversal of findings, new trial, etc., were not made. If necessary appeal will be taken to the state supreme court.

The charges against Lucero implicate also three other members of the house of representatives. These are Luis R. Montoya, Julian Trujillo and Manuel Cordova. They arose out of alleged events in connection with the election of one of the United States senators from New Mexico, selected at the first session.

The four men were charged with offering, for a price, to vote for a candidate to be named by the man to whom they are alleged to have made the offer, Elfege Baca. The prosecution's side of the story continues to the effect that Baca, with certain prominent Republicans, arranged a trap for these men; hid Apolonio A. Sena, then a member of the state mounted police force, in a bathroom adjoining Room 44, occupied by Baca; arranged for Baca to turn over certain sums of money to the four men, and then had all four arrested. It is claimed they were arrested with the money in their hands.

The men themselves disclaim any corrupt intention or act. They asserted that they had gone to Baca's room at his request and that they did not know why he should give them money.

The four were tried by the house and acquitted. The matter was later taken up by the grand jury for Santa Fe county and they were indicted. Lucero's trial is the first to be held. The other three will not be tried until the next term of court.

The prosecution's chief efforts centered around the testimony of A. A. Sena, Col. Venecio Jaramillo, Elfege Baca and Col. Jose D. Sena. These men furnished the backbone of the story.

Many dramatic moments featured the trial which closed this morning.

One of these came when Edward R. Wright one of the counsel for the prosecution, declared yesterday that failure to find a verdict of guilty amounted to a charge of perjury directed at the four principal witnesses named. Judge Wright said:

"The only way you gentlemen can bring in a verdict of not guilty is to believe that these four witnesses for the state, Col. Jose D. Sena, Col. Venecio Jaramillo, Elfege Baca and Apolonio A. Sena, deliberately and in cold blood committed perjury. If you should return a verdict of not guilty that is what it would mean."

This statement promptly brought an exception from the defense, but it was overruled, Judge E. C. Abbott holding that it was not improper.

E. P. Davies, for the defense, severely scored the men responsible for the "trap", imputing to them the intention of disciplining the four men for failure to obey party mandates issued by themselves.

He said in part: "These men who had controlled the destinies of the party of the state, whose will had been law, who had the say of what was proper, and what was not, saw fit therefore to plan a trap, a damnable trap to catch these four men."

"That's why they had Elfege Baca invite them into that room No. 44. They said: 'How will that man Lucero and his colleagues dare deny the word of Venecio Jaramillo, or of Elfege Baca, or of Col. Jose D.

Sena? We are prominent men, we are the Republican party itself. We are the people who say who shall run for the legislature, who shall run for district attorney, and who shall run for offices, so on, down the line!"

"Will these poor farmers from Rio Arriba and Taos counties dare deny our word?"

Mr. Davies spurned the idea that the trap had been planned and sprung in the interests of party purity as had been advanced by some, and declared that whatever the men had done was but the "practice of methods taught them by those who condemned them."

CURRY COUNTY HAS RECORD FOR SILO BUILDING.

It is Believed It Has More of Them Than Any Other County, or More Than Those in Entire State Combined.

Clovis, N. M., Sept. 22.—It is believed that Curry county holds the New Mexico record for silo building for the year 1913. It is also believed that Curry county has more silos at this writing than the rest of the state of New Mexico together. This last statement may not be quite accurate but it will not miss the mark far. There are in Curry county now, as the result of the activity of the Clovis chamber of commerce, which is the largest chamber of commerce in the state, having a membership of 558, twenty-two silos, most of them with a capacity of more than 100 tons, and some of them with a capacity of more than 200 tons. Twenty-one of the twenty-two in existence in this county were built this year and as a direct result of the campaign for silos—and better farming, inaugurated by the Clovis chamber of commerce on "Silo Day," about six weeks ago.

The chamber of commerce raised cash bonuses and provided liberal cash offerings to the eight Curry county farmers who would first complete and report to the silo committee, a silo underground or overground, of a capacity of not less than fifty tons. With this following closely "Silo Day," and it is estimated that not less than 2,000 farmers and visitors gathered under the big chamber of commerce fair tent which was stretched in the main street of the city, to hear men of note and experience in southwestern scientific farming with the silo as a helper, lecture upon the virtue of the silo to this particular section of the southwest.

Curry county now has as a result nearly two dozen silos and others are reported building this week. One or two farmers have built two silos on the same farm to accommodate the big crops raised this year. Perhaps half of the silos in this county are underground, being of an average diameter of sixteen feet and sunk into the ground from thirty to fifty feet, while others are of the octagon style, built of two-by-fours laid flat and built from the ground upward, and then the stave kind. The underground silo is plastered with one or two coats of regular cistern cement, and it is thought that they are by far the best for this section, where no water is encountered in the digging of the pit. The cost of the underground silos is less by half, and even two-thirds in some instances, than the cost of the overground kind.

President B. D. Oldham of the chamber of commerce, as well as of a good many other philanthropic undertakings, is the big force behind the silo move. He encouraged the building of silos two years ago and there was one put in in 1912 by C. M. Steed, a dairyman, near the city. He claims that he paid for the silo, which was one of the underground variety and cost less than \$120, the first winter he fed his milk cows from it. He had the facts and figures from which to make comparisons, which were overwhelmingly convincing to the most pessimistic. From then the good work began.

Mr. Oldham is not only the president of the biggest chamber of commerce in the state of New Mexico, but he is also the president of the West Texas and New Mexico Organization of Commercial clubs, which held their first annual meeting at Tucuman last month and mapped out a big program of good road building, silo construction and real scientific farming, whether by irrigation or "dry" farming. Mr. Oldham is also president of the Curry county fair and proposes to make it one of the biggest in the state this year.

Clovis wants to hear from the rest of the state which has become interested in the silo, and to know whether there is another such record as it possesses.

WATER CO. SCANDAL

The grand jury for Santa Fe county concluded its labors for the present term of the district court for this district last Thursday afternoon. On Thursday forenoon four indictments were returned and in the afternoon four more were returned.

Of the indictments which were returned in the forenoon one was against George W. Armijo and one against Nathan Salmon for bribery in connection with a renewal of the water company's franchise. It will be remembered that, some months ago, quite a scandal was created by the announcement that it was currently reported that the water company would have to put up \$20,000 in order to secure a renewal of its franchise and this was about the time that considerable complaint was made on account of the water service and the quality of the water that was furnished to city consumers. President Street of the water company, came out from New York and remained here for some time when the matter was being agitated, and it now develops that preparations were then made to bring the matter before the grand jury at this term of the district court.

Of the four indictments returned in the afternoon, one was of Frank Owen, manager of the water and light company, for bribery in connection with the same matter.

The testimony before the grand jury is, of course, not public property, but it is charged that the proposition was made to secure a renewal of the company's franchise for the sum of \$20,000.—Santa Fe Eagle.

also want it, as well as out in the Plains country. Legal advice says that no other election can be called for twelve months.—Roswell News.

CURRY'S WEDDING IS SURPRISE TO CONGRESSMEN

From the Washington Post.

Former Representative George Curry of New Mexico, former governor of Maryland, chief of police of Manila, and captain in Roosevelt's Rough Riders, yesterday eloped to Rockville, Md., where he was married to Miss Martha Cora Gans, who gave her age as 21, and her residence as Uniontown, Pa. Mr. Curry, who served during the second session of the Sixty-second congress, gave his age as 48, and his residence as Tularosa.

That the elopement was sudden was indicated by the fact that Mr. Curry was forced to call upon a friend in Rockville to act as the best man and witness. The trip was made in an automobile engaged at a hotel here. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Curry and his girl-bride left for Washington. It is understood that they went on their wedding journey, which will take them to New Mexico. Surprise to Congressmen. Considerable surprise was ex-

ment, but beyond that said nothing of future plans. It is understood that Miss Gans is the daughter of a wealthy merchant of Virginia, who moved to Uniontown, Pa., from Virginia seven years ago. It was impossible to get into touch with her parents last night over the long distance telephone, nor could Mr. Curry and his bride be found.

Mr. Curry is one of the most picturesque figures that ever graced the halls of congress. Born in Louisiana, he migrated to New Mexico at an early age. He fought Indians, trapped, and was a post trader for a number of years. He joined Col. Roosevelt's Rough Riders as a lieutenant and attained a captaincy. Col. Roosevelt sent him to the Philippines, and later appointed him as governor of New Mexico when that state was a territory.

No Objection to Age. Another article in the Washington Post of September 13, disposes of the statement that the bride's parents objected to George Curry's age (Curry was born April 3, 1863 according to "Representative New Mexicans" which published a picture of the former governor). The article is as follows:

"Former Representative and former Gov. George Curry, of New Mexico, and his beautiful bride, to whom he was married in Rockville on Thursday as announced in yesterday's Post will leave Washington today for a short wedding trip, which will bring them back to the National Capital next Tuesday, when Mr. Curry has some business engagements. Later they will journey to Uniontown, Pa., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gans, parents of the young bride."

"Mr. Curry was busy yesterday at his apartments in the New Varnum Hotel receiving the congratulations of his friends."

Intended to Keep it Secret. "Mr. Curry had intended to keep secret the fact of his marriage, which came rather unexpectedly, until he and his bride visited their parents next week. The announcement of the marriage in The Post, however, caused him to telegraph the news of the wedding yesterday. He first met his bride in Atlantic City, and the courtship extended over several years."

"The couple became engaged several months ago, but the wedding date was not fixed as the parents of the girl objected on the grounds that they wished her to marry a Uniontown man and not reside so far from them as New Mexico. Miss Gans, whose father is said to be a wealthy coal operator came to Washington last Wednesday to arrange a date for the wedding. After the couple had talked it over, however, they decided not to wait, and hurried to Rockville, returning here Thursday night for a U. S. party and wedding supper at the New Ebbitt."

Bride a Petit Blonde.

"Miss Gans, who is a striking blonde, petite, and richly gowned in the latest fashion, was adverse to any further publicity, as, she said, she does not like her name to appear in the papers. Mr. Curry also desired nothing further said."

"We shall, of course, live in New Mexico, he stated, and as the only objection which my wife's parents had to our marriage was the fact that we would live so far from Uniontown, we are confident that when we visit them next week we will receive their forgiveness and blessing."

Roof Caves In; Children Have Close Shave.

Las Cruces, N. M., Sept. 22.—An accident which might have resulted seriously occurred here when the roof of the kitchen and store room at the Bonham residence which is now occupied by Nigel Flint and family, caved in, completely demolishing all the kitchen furnishings, consisting of a large iron range, gasoline stove, kitchen cabinet, tables, chairs, and other kitchen things.

Mr. and Mrs. Flint and children were in the kitchen just a few minutes before the cave-in occurred and had just gone to another part of the house while the children had run out to play in their play house which was in the store room. There was also in the store room a big dog house, and the children had just crawled in there to hide from their parents when the roof caved in.

Thinking their children were under the large mass of timbers and debris, Mr. and Mrs. Flint were nearly frantic until it was removed and they found both children safe without a scratch, although the dog house was covered with the broken adobes and splintered pieces of wood.

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PEACE OFFICER SHOT

First Bloodshed Occurs in the Great Coal Strike Now Going on in Colorado.

MARSHAL LEE OF SEGUNDO IS VICTIM

Posse Scouring the Hills to Earn the Reward of \$1,000 Offered for Arrest of Three.

Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 24.—Robert Lee, marshal at Segundo, a C. F. and I. C. camp, twelve miles west of this city, was shot and killed shortly after noon today by a foreign coal miner, name unknown, who, with two other foreigners, had been detected by Lee in the act of tearing up a small foot bridge at that camp. Lee was shot from his horse, the bullet striking him in the breast and penetrating a lung. The foreigners made their escape to the hills and are still at large. A posse has been organized and is scouring the hills.

At a late hour tonight, the chase for the murderer of Deputy Sheriff Bob Lee was abandoned until morning, the guards at the camps being doubled.

Tonight, a reward of \$1,000 was offered for the arrest or for information that would lead to the arrest of the guilty. Five hundred dollars is offered by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company and \$500 by Las Animas county over the signature of the sheriff.

Rumors are rife tonight as to cause of the killing and many stories are in circulation but none of them can be verified.

Lee was 38 years of age and had been marshal of Segundo for the past ten years. What effect this will have on the strike situation is not known. Frank J. Hayes stated that he deplored the killing and felt sure that miners did not commit the crime.

The body of Lee was brought to the city tonight and a coroner's inquest will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Carlsbadites in Santa Fe.

Charles Adams, a Carlsbad sheepman, is in the city for a few days.

M. S. Groves, member of the corporation commission, who has been spending two weeks at Carlsbad, returned to this city last night. His son, Francis, who was ill with typhoid fever is recovering, he says.

M. C. Stewart, sheriff of Eddy county, Roy Waller, assessor, and J. R. Holt, an Eddy county cattleman, are in the city, coming by auto from the Pecos valley.

Trespassing Means Death.

To trespass on the track of a railroad in Mexico at present is equivalent to death, according to James T. Gallatin, of Michigan City, Indiana, who reached Kansas City September 23 from Mexico City.

"Federal soldiers patrol the entire railroad right-of-way from Laredo to Mexico City," said Mr. Gallatin. "Anyone found on the tracks or near them is shot instantly. We passed at least two hundred bodies of Mexicans hanging from telegraph poles along the right-of-way. The guards would use the bodies for target practice."

Cold up North.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 24.—Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and parts of New Mexico and Arizona experienced their first touch of winter last night and today. Snow or rain fell generally throughout Colorado and Wyoming with a considerable rainfall in northern New Mexico and Arizona. Freezing temperatures were reported from parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona and Utah, to the district weather bureau here. There was a heavy frost in parts of Northern New Mexico. Heavy frosts or freezing weather predicted for this territory tonight.

Bateman Baby Burned.

Sidney the ten months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Bateman was severely burned about the hands yesterday evening when the little one fell in a bed of hot coals that had been left in the fireplace. No serious damages are expected though.—Roswell News.

Herbert Sells Stock.

Guy H. Herbert this week sold 223 head of mixed cattle at \$25 per head to Tom Derrick at Lake Arthur, delivery being made immediately.—Roswell News.

1913-SCHOOL DAYS-1913

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Our stock is very complete, and we would advise that you make your purchases early, before stock is broken. As school books are sold on a very close margin of profit we must have cash with all Book orders.

The Eddy Drug Store.

HIGH SCHOOL IS DEFEATED IN CHAVES COUNTY.

All But Two Small Voting Precincts Heard From Which Will not Alter Results. Apathy of Citizens Loses Great Educational Benefit.

	For	Against
Northwest Roswell.....	395	18
Northeast Roswell.....	86	8
Southeast Roswell.....	83	1
Southwest Roswell.....	277	14
Lake Arthur.....	102	102
Dexter.....	13	297
Hagerman.....	1	285
South Springs.....	7	27
Kenna.....	0	40
Elkins.....	4	11
King.....	2	79
Plainview.....	0	52
	868	925

Roswell loses the county high school. This is definite, but the exact vote will not be known until the returns from Cedar Canyon and Richland come in. This however will not effect the result in the end, as there are only some eleven to eighteen votes at Cedar Canyon and thirty at Richland—and either way they went would make no difference.

Roswell loses owing to the apathy of the city people in realizing the great benefit a county high school would mean. The outlying districts lose the advantage of having the school in the valley metropolis owing to jealousy and a feeling that taxes would be much increased.

It is said that Dexter has a petition out asking the county commissioners to call an election, making that town the seat of the high school for the county. Hagerman and Lake Arthur

pressed last night in congressional circles, where Mr. Curry was well known, when it was learned that he had married. Since ending his service in congress, he had spent much time in Washington, and it is understood that Miss Gans was on a visit here to friends in the Lenox apartments on L street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets northwest. Mr. Curry was a constant visitor at the apartments, it is said. Just what caused the two to go to the Maryland town is not known, but it was said that the parents of the bride objected to the age of the bridegroom.

No Difficulty at Rockville. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining the license at Rockville, after which the pair hurried in their automobile to the residence of the Rev. Samuel R. White, who is a retired Baptist minister, and the pair were married. The bride and bridegroom then hurried to their waiting automobile and started again for Washington.

Since that time all positive trace of the pair have been lost, although it is said that they returned to Washington, prepared their baggage and left on their wedding trip.

Dr. Thomas Vinson, a druggist of Rockville, who has known Mr. Curry for a number of years said last night that Mr. Curry entered the drug store yesterday afternoon and asked him if he would be a witness, and the best man, at the wedding. Dr. Vinson agreed, and with the two hurried to the home of Dr. White, where the ceremony was performed. The bride, Dr. Vinson stated was a beautiful girl and seemed one of the happiest of brides.

Would Not Talk of Future.

Mr. Curry, so Dr. Vinson said, admitted that the marriage was an elope