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COMPARISON OF THE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS

Some Facts and Figures for the Consideration of Those Who Are Disposed to Lay the Blame of High Taxation at the Door of the County Officials of Eddy County.

The Pecos valley people make a rather bad advertisement for the new country in its state in life, but its people have chosen the democratic side with their eyes wide open. Their politics is their own private concern, and nobody will grudge it to them, or will say that they have no right to it. A position in the republican column would give the Pecos valley a big boom all over the country. It would attract more population and capital than democratic affiliations will furnish. Republican association would bestow a prestige on the valley which would advance the value of every square foot of land in it, and of every dollar's worth of property of any sort had within its limits. This, however, affects its own people solely, and they would do well to look to reason; to be governed by their judgment other than their prejudices.

The above coming from the responsible head of the Argus, is amusing to say the least. He seems to forget that the county board was republican and the officials were all named by C. B. Eddy, a republican, for the first four years after this county was organized. What is history?

Funding bonds to the amount of \$15,000, to pay running expense, were issued, and we are not through paying for that four years of republican misrule yet. Then, the territory has had a republican administration since this county was redeemed, and what is history? The rate of taxation for territorial purposes has increased from 70 cents on \$100 valuation to \$1.70 on \$100, or 30 cents more than double the rate under a democratic administration. While the county rate has not increased, despite the various improvements, bridges, public buildings, etc., the territorial rate has gone out of reason to confiscation and robbery.

The cause is easily seen—the county is democratic and the territory republican.

The Current will simply quote the words of Judge A. A. Freeman, the best republican ever in New Mexico, to prove that republican extravagance is responsible for our high taxes, and not the democratic officials of Eddy county:

The right hand column shows the appropriations made for the year of the Thornton administration; the left hand those for similar purposes during the last year of the Otero administration. The blanks in the right hand column indicate, of course, that as to these particular items no appropriation was made by the Thornton administration, and that for the reason that at that time no such offices existed; the same having been created by the Otero administration for the purpose of rewarding its partisan supporters and for the further purpose of increasing its political following.

OTERO'S ADMINISTRATION		THORNTON'S ADMINISTRATION	
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE			
Contingent expenses	\$3,000.00	Contingent expenses	\$500
Private secretary	1,500.00		
Messenger	180.00		
Total	\$4,680.00	Total	\$500
SOLICITOR GEN. OR ATTY GEN OFFICE			
Salary solicitor or atty. general	\$3,000	Salary	\$2,000
Assistant	600		
stenographer	1,200		
Total	\$4,800	Total	\$2,000
AUDITOR'S OFFICE			
Auditor's salary	\$3,000	Auditor's salary including clerk	\$5,000
Clerk's hire	1,000	hire	
Total	\$4,000	Total	\$3,000
TREASURER'S OFFICE			
Salary	\$2,400	Salary, including clerk hire	\$3,500
Clerk hire	1,200		
Total	\$3,600	Total	\$2,500
OFFICE OF SUPT. OF INSTRUCTION			
Salary and incidentals	\$2,400	Salary and incidentals	\$2,500
Assistant	1,800		
Printing and contingent expenses	400		
Total	\$4,600	Total	\$2,500
TRAVELING AUDITOR'S OFFICE			
Salary	\$2,400		
Clerk	1,200		
Contingent expenses	1,800		
Deficiency	671.90		
Total	\$6,071.90		
GAME WARDEN			
Salary	\$1,800	Appointed in several counties and	
Incidentals	500	allowed fees for arrest.	
Total	\$2,300		
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION			
Printing and incidentals	\$4,000	Board of five members without compensation to appoint a secretary at a salary of	\$500
Secretary	1,500		
Total	\$5,500	Total	\$500
MOUNTED POLICE			
Salary	\$15,000		
Incidentals	1,200		
Total	\$14,200		
IRRIGATION COMMISSION			
Salaries	\$2,000	Five citizens to be appointed, no compensation except expenses, no railroad fare as all held passes.	
Incidentals	300		
Commissioners at \$8 per day and \$2 expenses for 100 days	7,800		
Total	\$10,100	Total	Hotel Bills
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS			
Commissioner	\$2,500		
Clerk hire	2,000		
Board of control, same as Irrigation board, 6 at \$8 per day and expenses, say for 100 days	4,800		
Total	\$9,300		
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER			
Salary of commissioner	\$2,400		
Expenses exclusive of salaries	1,300		
Office furniture, etc.,	1,300		
Total	\$5,000		

COAL OIL INSPECTOR.

The inspector is authorized to levy a tax of one cent per gallon on all coal oil brought into the territory, and to retain the tax for his own use. Amount of this graft estimated at from ten to fifteen thousand dollars.

In addition to the above there are to be noted the following extraordinary appropriations which were made without authority on the part of the legislature to make them, as they do not fall within the ordinary purposes of legislation as defined by the Enabling Act.

Appropriation to compensate citizens for losses resulting from the flood of 1904. \$50,000.00
To enable Chaves county to build a dike 10,000.00
To the County of Quay as a court fund, (regarded as a loan) 2,000.00
El Camino Real 10,000.00
Total \$72,000.00

That the new offices which I have described were created solely for the purpose of increasing the governor's patronage so as to bring to his support in his aspirations for a third term, a large

STOCKMEN'S MEETING

An Enthusiastic Meeting Held at the City Hall—Matters of Interest Discussed.

A meeting of the stockmen of Eddy county was held at city hall Tuesday at 2 p. m. The meeting was presided over by W. P. Mudgett, and was held for the purpose of taking action on matters of deep interest to all stockmen, the most important being the resignation, under certain conditions, of Ed Toner, the inspector of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association and New Mexico Sanitary Board, and also the consideration of the drift fences and general control of the range by the government, all of which occupied considerable time.

The meeting elected several delegates to represent Eddy county in Denver, at the National Stock Growers' Convention to be held Jan. 20, among them C. W. Merchant, L. L. Fuoss, S. T. Biting, Allon C. Heard, M. T. Stone, W. P. Mudgett, D. R. Harkey and C. R. Brice.

The consensus of opinion

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Grafters in New Mexico.

The Tucumcari Sun talks right out in meeting. For instance: "New Mexican is cursed with more petty grafters than any other state or territory. The reform movement is coming and this territory will be a battleground the coming year."

To which the El Paso News adds:

"That is telling the plain truth according to our information, and it has the right ring. It is not saying too much to predict that the Sun is going to do its share in exposing and punishing the grafters. There is no question but the grafting and frauds and scandals that are rife in New Mexico are depriving her of statehood and her people cannot hope for admission to the union until they shall have purged her of the crimes against decency and good government which unfortunately appear to be only too true."

Milk Sickness.

The following letter, from Dr. Jordan of the Journal of Infectious Diseases, Chicago, explains itself:

Chicago, December 27, 1907.
DR. R. J. BOATMAN,
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

My Dear Dr. Boatman:—
Thank you for your cordial letter of the 18th inst. I had seen some time ago the article in the reference hand book of the Medical Sciences to which you refer. I am glad to know that you feel as I do that the old disease called milk sickness is the same as the trouble at Carlsbad known as alkali. I will let you know as soon as anything definite develops in our work here.

Your's very truly,
EDWIN O. JORDAN.

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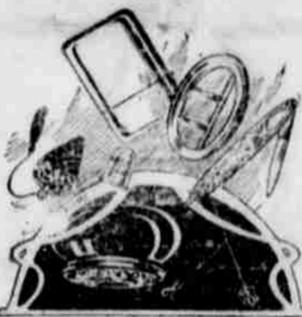
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Farmers' Institute Society.

The annual meeting of the above society will be held in the school house at Florence on Saturday, January 4th, at 1 p. m. The following have been requested and are expected to deliver addresses: Messrs C. H. McLenathen, I. S. Osborne and W. L. Muggerridge. The election of office bearers for the ensuing year will be held and other business. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

D. Barclay Sutherland,
Secretary.

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force of employes and partisans is so well understood in this territory as to need no demonstration.

The Pecos Water Users' Association received a letter from the department Monday that fell like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The letter stated that all under the Carlsbad project would be expected to pay \$3.85 per acre at once. As the project is not nearly completed and many have not yet received water, the Association decided to notify the department that it could not pay the amount and would apply for a modification of the order postponing the date for payment one year. The water users do not propose to pay until they have been served and it will probably take more than the little clerks of the department can do to make them pay until the system is put in operation. A committee consisting of Messrs. Tracy, Fox, and McLenathen was appointed to take the matter up with the Secretary of the Interior.

Bone meal at the Union Market.

among stockmen gathered at the meeting was that, unless something could be done to alleviate the condition resultant upon the order to remove drift fences, all who have stock in Eddy county will be ruined. The meeting, therefore, favored any supervision of the range by the general government that would provide means to prevent the drifting of cattle in storms and advised as the most practical a general lease law similar to the one for years in force in Texas, with the proviso that actual settlers be allowed to homestead lands at any time on leased lands.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Ed Toner for his very able work as inspector, and in the event of his withdrawal endorsing Nib Jones for the place.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes: "Having been troubled with Lumbago, at different times and tried one physician after another, then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of sufferers."