

## FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR EDDY COUNTY.

Saturday the Grand Jury completed its labors and turned in eighteen more true bills and seven more no bills. Those of the true bills the defendants to which have been apprehended are as follows:

Sam Harty, drawing deadly weapon.

Ralph Hursey, carrying deadly weapon.

Jim De Moss, carrying deadly weapon.

Maliquias Mata, perjury.

A. A. Kaiser, enticing a female for immoral purposes.

L. D. Swift, obtaining money and goods under false pretense.

L. C. Swift, same as above. These are a couple of young men who mortgaged cattle they did not possess to the Joyce-Fruit company for goods and cash.

Caleb Taylor, colored, drawing and handling a deadly weapon.

H. Dominguez, perjury.

Robt. Trowbridge, forgery.

Enrique Dominguez, robbery.

Eulalio Salgado, robbery.

Jose Madrid, robbery.

Ed. Lamb, operating a game of chance.

M. D. Rawls, larceny.

### REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

Carlsbad, New Mexico, September 8th, 1917.

To the Honorable John T. McClure, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, Sitting Within and for the County of Eddy.

We, the Grand Jury, duly empaneled sworn and charged at this September, 1917, term of the district court for Eddy County, make our report, as follows:

We have investigated all matters and violations of the law brought before us and have made strict inquiry especially as to the deadly weapon law upon which the Court charged us, and have inquired also as to the Sunday closing law and the compulsory school law; and have found 28 True Bills and 8 No Bills.

The committees appointed by our foreman to examine the various county offices report as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the office of the County School Superintendent and the County Surveyor's office found everything in order, the books and files neatly and well kept. Owing to the Surveyor having been hurt, he was not present in his office at the time the committee made their visit, so he did not get to consult with him.

We, your committee, selected to examine the office of the County Treasurer, beg to report that it being impossible to examine the books properly, we confined our investigations to the manner in which the office is being run by the Treasurer and his deputy, and we found the monthly reports have been made, the books neatly and well kept and that all duplicate receipts have been gathered and properly labeled and placed in the vaults and all records kept so that they are readily accessible to the tax payers. The State Traveling Auditor has not visited the office since December, 1916.

We, your committee, appointed to investigate the jail and sheriff's office, have inspected the jail and find conditions generally good. We would recommend that some repairs be

made in the jail that will make it possible to allow the prisoners more liberty and, at the same time, guard against any possibility of their escape.

We also suggest that some needed repairs be made to the ceiling and walls of the part of the jail which is used as a residence by the jailer.

We find the sheriff's office in good condition in all respects.

We, your committee, appointed by the Grand Jury, to investigate the office of the Assessor, have visited the office of the County Assessor and find the same to be clean and conveniently arranged and the books apparently well kept. But in the short time allowed the committee for investigation it would be utter fallacy for them to pass upon what is in the books and we did not attempt to do so.

In conversation with the Assessor, it developed that it was his wish that this committee recommend to the Court that the Court approve an order by the Board of County Commissioners allowing the appointment of appraisers in districts where needed in order that unknown property, now assessed as such, and which in reality have improvements subject to taxation, may be placed upon the rolls of the county, by this means adding thousands of dollars to the assessed valuation of the property of the county.

The committee visiting the office of the County Clerk finds the equipment in this office to be sufficient and up to date. Modern filing systems are in use and we find them properly and

neatly indexed. Employees in this office are capable and efficient and all records called for were produced promptly. The attention of the committee was called to the antiquated indexing system now in use. This matter has had previous attention, as we find that at one time the County Clerk himself was awarded the contract to install a card indexing system. For some reason, unknown to the committee, this work was stopped. The committee proposes, that if, upon careful investigation, the present system of indexing is found insufficient, and that valuable time of the office is taken up in referring to the index, and that the system which was started and left incomplete is the best system of this kind which can be had, that a competent man be employed to complete the work of installing this new system, and that it become the duty of the office to carry it on after installation. The committee proposes that this matter be looked into very carefully and that other county clerk's indexes be examined, so that this county may have the very best available, not only sufficient for present needs but one which will require no alteration in future years.

It has been brought to the attention of the Grand Jury that, in some cases, the automobile laws of the State are not being observed. For that reason we suggest that the proper officials take the necessary steps, looking to the enforcement of these laws, especially as to the driving of cars by children under age, the running of

cars without proper license, and by persons in an intoxicated condition.

We desire to express our appreciation to the assistance and direction of our able district attorney, Hon. Robt. C. Dow, who has labored assiduously at all hours during the five days' session of this Grand Jury; who has seen to it that witnesses were at hand to keep the business of the grand jury from lagging and who has at all times been most courteous.

We also desire to thank the various officials, the Hon. Judge, the stenographer, and those others with whom we have come in contact, for their very kind and courteous treatment during our session.

Having completed our labors, we respectfully ask that we be discharged.

THE GRAND JURY.

By W. R. OWEN, Foreman.  
Attest ARTHUR J. LINN, Clerk.

Mrs. C. R. Brice and daughter, Miss Gladys, of Roswell, left for Virginia Saturday where Miss Gladys will enter Mary Baldwin's Seminary. Miss Gladys has spent a number of years in Carlsbad as a little girl, and was here this summer for a nice visit with the Misses Cooke, and she has many friends here who will watch her career with interest.

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