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JURY BOARD IN LENGTHY SESSION

Committee is Appointed to Take Census of Mountainair Precinct by Asking for Saloon License

The county commissioners met in regular session on Monday last, all three members of the board being present, the sheriff by his deputy, S. E. Harris and the clerk by his deputy, F. A. Chavez.

The ballot box of precinct No. 13, Abo, was presented and after examination, Juan Serna was declared as having been justice of the peace and Carlos Flores as constable.

Justice Smith of Moriarty resigned as justice of the peace and upon petition signed by a number of the citizens of that place, G. M. Flaming was named to succeed him.

C. F. Easley of Santa Fe, appeared before the board and requested that bonds in a sum not to exceed \$60,000 be issued with which to pay the indebtedness to Valencia county and erect a courthouse. The clerk was instructed to take up the matter with the district attorney and secure his advice in the matter.

A petition signed by a number of the residents of Abo precinct was presented, and after consideration by the board, the clerk was ordered to instruct the county surveyor to make the survey as requested.

Nestor Candalaria presented his resignation as justice of the peace of Manzano precinct. The same was accepted and Jose Zamora y Candalaria was named to succeed him.

The assessment of Tircia Torres de Baca for the year 1906, was upon petition reduced in the sum of \$250.00.

F. F. Jennings appeared as attorney for J. R. McKinley and asked that the license fee of \$100, which he had paid for the license to run a saloon at Mountainair, and which license was held by the district court to be illegal, be refunded to him. After consideration, the board ordered the clerk to secure the advice of the district attorney in the matter.

A petition with 320 signatures from Abo was presented asking a license to run a saloon by Emilio Valles. The board called as impartial witnesses Luciano Torres and Jesus Valdez, who were interrogated under oath as to the number of citizens at Abo. After consideration, the board ordered the clerk to issue the license.

Upon a petition from citizens of Tajique, an election for seven trustees of the grant, was called for May 1, 1909.

C. R. Easley presented a petition from citizens of Mountainair, asking that H. G. Martinez, C. A. Noble and J. H. Griffin be named a committee to take a census of Mountainair. The petition was granted and the clerk instructed to officially notify said parties of their appointment.

The taxes of Mrs. Laura Simpson, which appeared as a double assessment, were ordered cancelled.

The clerk was instructed to request Maggie Nell, of Harper, Kansas, to furnish an affidavit as to the date of her patent, to adjust taxes against her property.

A petition to reduce the taxes of John L. Lobb, in regard to the valuation of his homestead was rejected.

A petition to reduce the taxes of F. Crosser, in regard to the

Will Mortgage Hagan Coal Fields

Santa Fe, N. M., April 2.—Francis J. Torrance, Walter Lyons and John Arnett, Pittsburg capitalists, owners and directors of the New Mexico Central railroad, who have been here several days on business connected with this road, returned last night. Despite reports that their visit here at this time was for the purpose of negotiating the sale of the road to either the Rock Island, El Paso and Southwestern or Santa Fe system, any deals which might have been pending, failed to materialize and the road will not change hands for the present at any rate.

It is reported that the directors voted to mortgage the Hagan coal fields in Sandoval county, owned by the New Mexico Fuel and Iron company, a subsidiary corporation, for a sum sufficient to complete the construction of the branch railroad to Hagan. The recent territorial legislature passed a law for the special benefit of the New Mexico Central, which law permits railroad corporations to mortgage subsidiary companies for the purpose of raising money for improvements and extensions to the main corporation.

It is stated authoritatively that after the branch line is built to the Hagan coal fields, that should these fields prove to contain enormous quantities of merchantable coal—estimated at one hundred and fifty million tons—then either the Rock Island or El Paso and Southwestern systems will buy the New Mexico Central railroad in order to secure possession of these coal fields. Experts pronounce Hagan coal beds the richest in the southwest.—Albuquerque Citizen.

valuation of his homestead was rejected.

A petition to reduce the taxes of Mrs. Nancy H. Cox, in regard to personal property was rejected.

Assessor Howell was ordered to secure the patents and final receipts issued from the Santa Fe Land Office, for taxation, and an allowance of \$50.00 was made to cover his expenses in the matter.

Bond of Jose Zamora y Candalaria as justice of the peace precinct 3, was approved.

A petition to place a partition in the court house was presented, and the clerk was instructed to order Mr. Salazar, proprietor of the building to have the work done as requested.

N. H. Thorp petitioned a reduction in his taxes, and was asked to file an affidavit with the clerk in regard to the matter, the same to be taken up at the next regular meeting.

F. H. Ayers appeared as attorney for H. G. Masters, and asked that the bill for the boarding of a lunatic during the past year be paid. After consideration, the bill was approved and ordered paid as soon as funds were available for that year.

A petition from the residents of Cedarvale was rejected.

Report of justice of the peace of precinct No. 1, was approved.

The resignation of S. E. Harris as constable for precinct No. 7, was accepted and Luis Serna was appointed in his stead.

Petition of C. H. Bagley for reduction in taxes was rejected.

Miss Maude Hancock returned from Belen Wednesday, where she has been teaching a school. She will complete her term after the Easter vacation.

PATENTED LAND CHANGES HANDS

Quarter Sections Are in Demand Good Prices Prevailing, New Homeseekers Continue to Come

Patented land in the vicinity of Estancia has been changing hands with regularity recently as evidenced by the following warranty deeds, which have been filed in the Probate Clerk's Office since the first of the month:

William Lecherr to N. J. Berry, quarter section southwest of Estancia, consideration \$1450.

Hattie D. Minor to John W. See, quarter section southwest of Estancia, consideration \$1175.

W. A. Pratt to Allen and Kinder-Riser, quarter section west of Estancia, consideration \$1200.

Page B. Otero to C. F. Easley, 124.67 acres near Antelope, consideration \$250, et al.

Mrs. Anna Paesley to J. H. English, H. G. Souders, A. J. Green, Earl Scott, Neal Jensen, Roy Woods and I. A. Dye, Railroad Addition to Estancia, consideration \$1250.

Mrs. C. C. Sweeger to G. W. Munshower, lot 2, block "A," Estancia, consideration \$500.

H. A. Kelly to W. G. Swafford, quarter section north of Estancia, consideration \$1500.

Territorial Appointments

Santa Fe, N. M., April 3.—Gov. Curry before leaving for Roswell this afternoon announced the following mounted police appointments:

Fred Fornoff, of Albuquerque, captain; J. W. Collier, of Santa Fe, lieutenant; W. E. Dudley, of Alamogordo, sergeant; Fred Hogrins, of Roswell; J. B. Rusk, of Ohaman; Leandro Baca, of Socorro; J. A. Beal, of Deming; Rafael of Santa Fe; W. E. Griffin, of Santa Fe, and A. A. Sena, of Las Vegas, privates.

He also made the following appointments for trustees of the national guard armories: Capt. Carlos Viera, of Santa Fe; Lieut. A. Beal, of Silver City; Capt. P. E. Dessaur, for Las Cruces, and Lieut. Charles Whiteman, for Roswell.

J. B. Stewart for the United States geological survey, but under direction of territorial engineer V. L. Sullivan will tomorrow start on a stream measurement tour which will include the Minbras, Gila, San Francisco, Peas, Canadian, Rayado, Cimarron, Mora, Saltillo and Gallinas rivers.—El Paso Herald.

Second Visit of Thieves

Miss Mollie Rieta reports that her house was broken into a second time last Saturday, and everything, except the stove, table and empty trunks carried away. She had been at the ranch near Moriarty several days, and had gone to a neighbors to spend Sunday and do some sewing on Monday. Needing something from her place she sent after them on y to learn that the house had been ransacked and practically everything taken.

Only a few months ago a similar break was made into her house, but the thieves were a little more thoughtful of her and left part of the things. It appears that they were only waiting a chance to come and get the rest.

Apparently the party or parties arrived and left on horseback as no wagon tracks could be found.

Rulings in Regard to Commutations

Washington, April 6.—In a decision of the general land office today it was held that in order to enable the heirs of a homestead entryman to submit commutation proof of his entry they must show both residence on and cultivation of the land for fourteen months by the entryman or the heirs, or partly by both. The same rule, it was held, applies in a case where commutation proof is submitted by the widow of the entryman.

Heretofore it has only been necessary for an entryman or an heir to show either residence on or cultivation of the land for fourteen months. In another decision it was held that when an entryman sells his improvements on the land and relinquishes his entry he is not entitled to make a second homestead entry under the act of congress on February 8, 1908.—Albuquerque Citizen.

No School Election

No election for school directors for the ensuing term was held in Estancia district last Monday, on account of the conflicting interpretation of the law in regard to the time of holding the election. According to the old law, notices calling the election should have been posted the first Monday in March, and the election held the first Monday in April. The recent legislature passed a law, changing the time for posting notices to the first Monday in May and the election to be the first Monday in June. The attorney general handed down a decision to the effect that this law did not govern the election this year, as the notices were presumed to have been posted before the passage of the latter act. No notices had been posted in the Estancia precinct, so no election was held. A petition was circulated and generally signed the first of the week, asking the county superintendent to appoint Julius Meyer and J. L. Stubblefield as members of the board to fill the vacancies which will exist in May next.

Knights of Pythias Organize

Estancia Lodge Knights of Pythias was instituted Wednesday evening by Chas. L. Burt, deputy Grand Chancellor of New Mexico, assisted by Messrs. Corbett, McCoy, Fuller and Spencer of Mountainair.

The following officers were elected and installed:

Randolph Carver, Past Chancellor
A. J. Green, Chancellor
Commander
Ira Allman, Vice Chancellor
A. M. Steele, Prelate
I. M. Bennett, Master at Arms
H. P. Wells, Master of Works
J. W. Brashears, Keeper of Records and Seals
O. R. Pollard, Master of Finance
J. W. Preston, Master of Exchequer
C. J. Adams, Inner Guard

Married.

On Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Norris, Rev. A. M. Steele joined in bonds of holy matrimony. Miss Josie Hart and George O. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Warren will make their home on their homestead about ten miles northwest of Estancia.

MAKE PLANS FOR TERRITORIAL FAIR

This Years Fair to be Biggest and Best Ever Held in the Sunshine Territory

Enthusiasm, ginger, manifestations of "the Albuquerque spirit," and a general desire to boost Albuquerque in particular and New Mexico in general, were the features of the big mass meeting held in the Armory last night at which it was decided by acclamation that a fair will be held here this fall, and that it will be the biggest and best and most successful exhibition of its kind ever held in the territory. All the old war horses were out and all of them were there ready to put their shoulders to the wheel—to get into the harness and boost for a whooping big fair. The veteran officers and members of executive committees of former fairs were there, and all of them expressed a willingness "to get into the game," and give their experience, time and money to the cause.

The mass meeting was called to order by W. S. Hopewell, following a brief meeting of the executive committee of the Sixteenth National Irrigation congress. The committee, which consisted of Mr. Hopewell, D. A. Macpherson, M. L. Stern, George Arnot, Frank McKee and W. A. Bayer, secretary, held a brief conference and adjourned sine die. In calling the mass meeting to order, Col. Hopewell made a short statement relative to the affairs of the Irrigation congress, gave a synopsis of what had occurred at the meeting, of the executive committee, mentioned the amount of money on hand, and gave a partial list of property owned by the board, and other information interesting to those who turned out to boost for the fair. Mr. Hopewell then briefly stated the object of the meeting, saying that it was up to those present to say whether or not they wanted a fair this fall, where they wanted it and when, and if they wanted a fair, to select the men to head the exhibition. The sentiment in favor of holding a fair was unanimous, and a motion was quickly carried by acclamation, being to the effect that a fair was a real necessity, and that Albuquerque wanted the show this year more than ever. The decision to hold the fair in Albuquerque resulted in a number of short talks from those present, the gist of what was said being that it would be a fine exemplification of "the Albuquerque spirit," to hold a fair this year; that it would show that the citizens and business men of Albuquerque are wide-awake and enterprising, and do not propose to keep still because of the alleged dullness throughout the country at the present time. Among those who made three-minute talks along this line were, M. L. Stern, D. S. Rosenwald, David Weinmann, P. E. McCanna, D. A. Macpherson, John H. Borradale, Dr. W. G. Hope and a number of others. After it was evident that in favor of holding a fair, Chairman Hopewell suggested taking up the matter of electing officers and an executive committee. The names of several men were suggested to fill the various places, but no definite action was taken last night, it being the sense of the meeting that the chair appoint a committee to select the names of prospective officers and present them

Chautauqua Plans are Maturing

If the subscriptions for stock in the Mountainair Chautauqua continues to come in as satisfactorily as they have been coming in, in all probability the meeting this year will be held on Chautauqua Park in a pavilion belonging to the organization. At the meeting of the executive committee Tuesday night, reports showed subscriptions from home people coming in at a very rapid rate, and there was a general feeling of confidence for the future of the organization.

Mr. F. L. Hill presented a design for a tabernacle and the estimate of its cost. The idea is to first build the main portion of the tabernacle, and build this so that additions can be made at any time, with the idea of making the ultimate seating capacity about 3000. The part which it is proposed to build this year will seat 1200 people, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000. A soliciting committee composed of Miss Josephine E. Corbett, Mrs. Isaac Fulton and Mrs. Charles L. Burt was appointed at this meeting, and the committee is already busy. Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Burt were delegates to the Sunday School Convention at Albuquerque this week, and they took subscription lists with them in order to allow those friendly toward the organization desiring to do so to subscribe.

The charter as prepared by Judge N. B. Laughlin of Santa Fe, was adopted at this meeting and the secretary instructed to file the same, and as soon as the preliminaries are accomplished certificates of stock will be issued. Shares are \$5 each, and non-assessable; and home people will be given the first opportunity to subscribe. The secretary was instructed to confer with the ministers and pastors of New Mexico relative to securing their aid in the matter of selling stock.—Mountainair Messenger.

Stanley Store Burns.

Mrs. Minnie Brumback, local agent for the Springfield Fire & Marine Insurance Company on Monday morning received word from Stanley that the Hogrefe Store at that place had burned with all its contents on Sunday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. Insurance in the amount of \$950 was carried in the Springfield company.

Buys Farm and Relinquishment

A. B. Hoelscher and son of Rovina, Fayette County, were in Estancia the first of the week. The father purchased a deeded quarter section west of McIntosh. He will return within a few months bringing with him his family, making this his future home. The younger Mr. Hoelscher purchased a relinquishment southwest of McIntosh and will put out a crop this year. Both are well pleased with the valley and its possibilities.

before another mass meeting to be held in the Armory, Tuesday, April 13, at 8 o'clock. The chair then named a committee for this purpose, consisting of the following gentlemen: D. A. Macpherson, chairman; David Weinmann, M. O. Chadbourne, Walter Jaffa and M. L. Stern.—Albuquerque Journal.