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## TAX LEVY 45 MILLS

Assessed Valuation of County more than One Million Dollars

The county commissioners have been in session most of this week, approving the assessments as returned by the assessor. In some instances there has been a raise over the amounts returned by the taxpayers, but these have been few.

The tax levy for this year was made by the board, the total forty-four and nineteen-twentieths mills on the dollar of assessed valuation. The levy is divided among the various funds as follows:

Territorial	01448
County General Fund	005
Court Fund	008
Interest Fund	003
School Fund	008
Court House and Jail Fund	005
Road Fund	001
Judgement Fund	0015
Special School Fund	003
Total	04495
Special Levies:	
Wild Animal Bounty Fund	005
Cattle Sanitary Board	008
Sheep Sanitary Board	008
School Dist. No. 1	005
" " " 2	005
" " " 3	005
" " " 7	005
" " " 10	008
" " " 12	008
" " " 14	005
" " " 17	015
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" " " 22	005
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According to Assessor Howell, the total assessed valuation of the property within Torrance county is quite a little over a million dollars. This is an increase of several hundred thousand over that of last year, after having made the deductions of the double assessments of last years records. When it is considered that the sheep are almost all out of the county and assessed in those counties wherein they are grazing, this means an immense increase over that of former years.

### Services Prove Interesting.

The Revival Meetings at the Baptist Church have continued to attract large audiences each night the past week. Evangelist Talley has won many close friends by his earnestness and conviction, and his simple presentation of the Gospel. The services will continue to and including Sunday night. Both the Methodists and Presbyterians will join the Baptists on next Sunday in Union Services.

### Chillili Mail From McIntosh

A star mail route service will be established between Chillili and McIntosh, New Mexico, on June 14. Delivery service will be rendered three times a week. David L. Stump of McIntosh was awarded the contract at \$396 a year.

The star mail route from Albuquerque to Chillili will be discontinued on June 12.

### That Betampered Jury

The squiblet picked up last week by the El Paso Herald and subsequently spread before the public by various papers of New Mexico regarding the jury dismissed by Judge Mann, might have been of greater interest to the people, but said squiblet did not tell it all.

In justice to the twenty-three dismissed jurors, the voters and the taxpayers, let it be said that along with the twenty-four grand jurors, witnesses and others summoned to appear at the opening of the May term of the U. S. District court at Alamogordo were also summoned twenty-four petit jurors to appear on same date. It came to pass that from day to day there was not one thing for the petit jurors to do but for each to go his own way for amusement or anything to pass time. This continued for a week and then came the order of dismissal. All such gush as secret service men and their discoveries regarding bribed jurors may or may not have been, the writer and his crowd entertained no strangers.

The interesting party for the taxpayers, but left out of the aforesaid squiblet, is that this single item of petit jury expense on the district, at a conservative estimate, will amount to \$12,000.00, perhaps more, and not one cent's value to balance. Mr. Taxpayer this is one instance of extravagant and useless expense. Look to the cause. Can you help yourself at the next primaries and on election day? We believe in good government and properly paid officials, but careless expenses, grafts, and similar drains should be stopped.

### One Of The Twenty-three.

### Santa Fe Goes Wet

Santa Fe, N.M., June 7.—The campaign for the closing of saloons which has been under way here for the past two or three weeks came to a close in the election today which was carried by the anti-prohibition forces by a majority of forty votes. The vote was comparatively light. The anti-saloon forces had made a strong fight to carry the town and they express deep disappointment at the result.—Albuquerque Journal.

### \$116 per Ton.

Henry Marble, T. S. Smith and Roy Woods left yesterday morning for the gold fields west of Mountainair. Marble and Smith had been over last week and located claims, bringing back samples with them. D. R. Johnson made an assay of these samples, reporting that they carried gold running \$116 per ton. The boys are jubilant over their find, and will start the development at once.

### Teachers Meet Here Aug. 2

Superintendent Burt, when in Estancia the first of the week, gave out the information that the Torrance county Teachers Institute, or Summer Normal will convene in Estancia on Monday, August 2, continuing two weeks. The new school building will be in readiness at that time, and this will probably be the first gathering within the new walls. Mr. Burt is anticipating a good attendance as well as a profitable session.

## SAYS STRIKE IS GENUINE

Tex Cravens Tells of Gold Strike in the Manzano Mountains Last Week

Judd S. Cravens, better known among the "boys" as "Tex," when in Estancia Monday, was seen by a News reporter in regard to the gold strike in the Manzanos west of Mountainair. He, together with Luis and Marques Tarin, made the first strike of gold last week, which caused the staking off of the whole canyon as mining claims. Cravens claims that with his partners he was prospecting for copper, and after having struck a vein showing copper, followed it for several feet. About four feet beneath the surface, several gold nuggets were picked up. The larger of these was, according to Mr. Cravens, the size of the end of one's thumb. Quartz bearing wire gold and some free gold was also found. As the work continued, the vein containing the copper became weaker, and later disappeared entirely, while that with the gold became thicker. Several tons of the quartz has been taken out and is now on the dump, containing more or less gold.

Some of the specimens were at once sent to an assayer for analysis. The returns are expected at any time, and if received in time will be added below.

Mr. Cravens, who has had quite a little experience in the Colorado gold fields, is sufficiently satisfied with his strike to continue the work, and will make a thorough examination. The copper ore which he had assayed carried a large per cent. of copper, and had the lead continued as strong as when first encountered, been a paying proposition.

### The Golden Jubilee

The program for the Golden Jubilee of St. Michaels College, of Santa Fe, have been published and a copy mailed to the address of each former student, so far as these are known. The celebration begins at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday, June 19, and continues throughout Sunday and Monday. No doubt the "old boys" will have a great time in the Ancient City renewing acquaintances and forming new associations.

### Not Feeling Blue.

B. W. Means, of the Mestinita county was in Estancia this week, wearing his usual smile. He reports crops in his neighborhood in good condition, just as far as the soil was properly worked. He claims that the fellow who is not afraid to work in the valley, need have no fear of starving to death. This is Mr. Means third year here and he is making good.

### Real Estate Transfers.

Jose de Jesus Romero to W. M. McCoy & Co, n h f n w q sec 23, 3, 6. 80 acres, consideration \$400.

J. T. Keogh to A. W. Wiest, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 9, and lots 1 and 2, block 20, Dalglish Addn to Duran.

### Sold Mortgaged Property.

Felipe Luna of the southwest part of the county was brought before Justice Braxton on Monday last, charged with having disposed of mortgaged property. It appears that Mr. Luna had given the Willard Mercantile Company a mortgage on his sheep to secure a debt of several thousand dollars, later disposing of the wool. Preliminary hearing was set for next Monday, and Judge Braxton asked bond in the sum of eight thousand dollars guaranteeing Mr. Luna's appearance at that time. Several of his friends were ready to sign the bond, but when it came to qualifying, a halt was called. Some of them wanted to qualify for several times the amount of their taxable property as shown in the assessor's office, and Braxton refused to accept them for these sums. Mr. Luna is spending the week as the guest of Sheriff Meyer in the new brick house erected by the county recently.

### Granted Change of Venue

Los Lunas, N. M., June 7.—Judge Ira A. Abbott in the district court today granted the motion for a change of venue made by Attorney E. W. Dobson for his client John F. Lasater, charged with the killing of a man named Sarracino, during a fiesta in Belen last September. The man died as the result of alleged knife wounds inflicted by Lasater who became embroiled in a fight with a number of natives as the result of a quarrel with the mayordomo. An indictment charging murder was returned by the grand jury here last week. Lasater's case will be tried in Bernalillo county. F. W. Clancy appears for the territory in this case.—Albuquerque Journal.

### Royal Neighbors Entertain

Estancia Camp No. 5584, Royal Neighbors of America, on last Monday night entered the hall of the Modern Woodmen of America, so thoroughly transforming the same, that upon the arrival of the boys, several thought they had come to the wrong place. Tables, laden with the best of everything to be had, stretched the full length of the hall. The wives, daughters and sweethearts of the Woodmen were all there, and not less than a hundred people enjoyed the banquet. A program was rendered following the supper, after which dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The regular work of the Woodmen was of necessity postponed until next Monday night, when all Woodmen are urged to be present, as there will be plenty to do.

### Ball Game next Sunday.

On next Sunday the Estancia boys will play the Santa Fe Ball team at Santa Fe, a special train from this place being run for the accommodation of the boys and those caring to visit the Ancient City. The fare for the round trip has been placed at one dollar.

A. N. Brown, Fletcher Brown and Mr. Carlile of Lucia, were in Estancia Monday looking for a couple of stray mules.

## BONE BROKEN IN 3 PLACES

Albert May, Kicked by Horse, Sustains Triple Fracture

Albert May had a narrow escape on last Sunday from losing his life. As it is he will be confined to his room for some time, suffering a fracture of the lower jaw. In company with Mr. Millenbaugh, he was driving southwest of Estancia. The team became frightened, and started to run. In attempting to control them, he turned them into a wire fence, the neck-yoke striking a post. Millenbaugh jumped out and was unharmed. May was thrown between the horses, one of which began kicking, striking him in the face. Almost all the clothes were torn from his body. After having been brought to town, the surgeons found the jaw bone to have been fractured in three places. The fractures were reduced, and he has been resting well since. He is rejoicing that he came out of the fracas as luckily as he did, for while it is serious, it is a miracle that he was not killed outright. May came to the valley from Neoga, Illinois, where his mother is now residing. She has been notified of the accident, as well as of his present condition. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, having recently written for his transfer card to join the local Camp. The Estancia Camp is doing what can be done towards caring for him, having secured a good nurse to assist the physicians, as well as visiting him to help in passing the time.

### A General Shake-up

It is rumored among the railroad boys here, that about July 7, there will be a general shake-up among those in authority of the New Mexico Central Railroad Company. Just who will go out and who in, is not known, but it seems to be certain that much "new blood" will be in evidence. New blood might be sufficient, but the chances are that the trainmen would not object to some new engines—the public surely would have no kick coming.

### Homestead Filings

Homestead filings have been made before U. S. Commissioner Minnie Brumback as follows, during the past week:

Arthur Oliver, se qr 4, 7, 9  
Lay Callen, se qr 5, 7, 9  
Sarah Smith, se qr 10, 7, 9  
Henry E. Farnsworth, sw qr 10, 7, 9  
Joe H. Long, ne qr 33, 3, 10

### Catholic Ladies Dance

The ladies of the local Catholic Church have arranged to give a Benefit Ball at Walker Hall on Saturday night, June 19. The music for the occasion will be donated by the McIntosh boys, who have kindly offered to assist in this manner. During the evening the ladies will serve ice cream and cake. Everybody is invited to attend.

Adolfo Salas of Chillili, was in Estancia the first of the week.

### Contractor Keeps Things Moving.

Contractor Epler will have completed his part of the work on the Adams store building north of the postoffice, before this issue of the News reaches our readers. The brickwork was completed the first of the week, and that of plastering taken up. This is being rushed to completion.

The work of plastering the school building will probably be taken up next. Contractor Bush already has most of the ceiling on, and the finishing work is being rapidly completed, and will have been finished within a few days after the plasterers are through.

Epler will shortly commence the laying of a cement sidewalk along the south side of Williams avenue, from Sixth street eastward. Whether it will extend the full length of the block or only half-way has not yet been decided.

### Brings In Maniac.

Lucas Zamora, a demented shepherd, formerly in the employ of Mr. McDonald on his sheep ranch near Duran, was brought to Estancia by Deputy Sheriff Dulany this week, and placed in the county jail, until orders can be received from the district court, committing him to the asylum at Las Vegas.

A report was out yesterday morning that he had escaped, but this proved to be erroneous. When Sheriff Meyer, opened the door to the room, where the maniac was kept during the night, he found the fellow stark naked. He tried to get him to dress, and started to assist him, when the fellow grabbed the sheriff in his arms, hugging him intensely, and attempting to sink his teeth in the sheriff's arm. With the assistance of Deputy Smith, the sheriff freed himself without further damage than the hug. Meyer doesn't object so much to being hugged, but would rather choose the one to do the job.

Mrs. F. A. Chumblee was in town Tuesday from the ranch northeast of Estancia. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Chism.

### Presbyterian Church Notes.

Presbyterian Services will be omitted next Sunday morning on account of the protracted meetings at the Baptist Church.

R. Carver returned from the Pecos Valley the last of the week and filled his appointments at Stanley and McIntosh Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Stubblefield entertained the Westminister Circle Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was well attended, and interesting. Ice cream and other refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Stratfords.

### Methodist Church Notes.

The Children's Day exercises at the M. E. Church will occur Sunday, June 20.

There were no services at the church Sunday evening. The congregation attending the revival services at the Baptist church.