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## HELD FOR MURDER NEAR DURAN

Gabino Sena is in Jail here accused of Murder of Aged Man near Duran

Sabino Sena, who was arrested the first of the week at Galisteo by Mounted Policemen Rusk and Gomez, was brought to Estancia Tuesday evening by Sheriff Meyer and lodged in the Torrance county jail. Sena is accused of the murder of Altargacio Encinias some time ago at Duran. The accused, so it is reported has admitted having knocked his victim down, and stabbed him in the head and back, from the effects of which Encinias died after lingering a month or so.

The preliminary hearing will occur sometime next week, as soon as the necessary witnesses can be subpoenaed and brought here. It is said that another besides Sena is implicated, but this is not known positively at this time, although something may develop at the preliminary hearing.

The New Mexican in speaking of the affair has the following to say:

Sabino Sena has been arrested by the mounted police on the charge of murder. The arrest was made at Galisteo by Mounted Policemen J. B. Rusk and Rafael Gomez. The alleged deed was committed in Torrance county, although the victim died at Galisteo, in Santa Fe county. Sena has admitted that he assaulted Altargacio Encinias, an aged shepherd, foreman on the ranch of Juan Sena, near Encino, Torrance county, where the assault occurred. Sena, so the story goes, knocked down the old man during an argument, jumped on him with his feet and stabbed him in the back and in the head. The injured man was taken to Galisteo and there lingered a full month before death relieved him from his terrible suffering caused by his injuries. No physician was summoned and no complaint lodged and it will be necessary to take up the body in order to substantiate the facts. Sena is only about twenty years of age, and will be taken to Estancia this afternoon for his preliminary hearing. Another man is said to be implicated, but thus far he has not been arrested.

## Get Ready for a Rain.

Dr. C. F. Edmonston arrived yesterday from Columbia, Missouri, to look after his interests in the valley. For several years past whenever the doctor has come to the valley he has always brought a splendid rain or snow storm with him so our people are warned to "take in the chimneys" if they do not want to get them wet. Just what connection the doctor has with Jupiter Pluvius, we are not going to tell, but we have been convinced that there is always something doing when he comes.

Mrs. S. H. King left last evening for Roswell and Hope for a stay of a week or two. She will visit her husband at the former place and attend the Lincoln Baptist Association meeting at the latter.

## Woodmen Will Dance.

Estancia Camp, W. O. W. will give a dance on Saturday night, August 7, at Woodmen Hall, to which all are cordially invited. Woodmen from the neighboring towns, especially are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. Good music is assured, as well as a good time.

## Teachers Meet Monday

The regular session of the Torrance County Teachers Institute will open at the new schoolhouse on next Monday morning, with Mrs. Nora Brumback as instructor. A number of the teachers in our county schools will be in attendance, and several have already been inquiring for board and room, especially in private families.

Our schools have been going forward by great strides during the past few years, and this year's Institute promises to be the best ever held in Torrance county. Without a doubt the next term of schools will be better throughout the county than any previous term has been. A number of the districts have provided new buildings, while others have taken advantage of the vacation time to renovate the old buildings, so that these will be in readiness. No more loyal class of teachers are to be found anywhere, and Torrance county throws down the gauntlet to any of the older counties, when it comes to advance and improvement along the line of education.

An illustrated lecture on "Finding a New World," will be given on Wednesday night by Rev. A. M. Harkness of Mountainair. This promises to be a treat to Estancia people and no doubt will be heard by a large audience.

## Camping in the Mountains.

A "camping out" party left on Monday for the mountains where several days will be spent in hunting, fishing and like pursuits. No doubt they will return with plenty of fish and bear for the whole town. Among the crowd were: Misses Bessie Mayo of Albuquerque, Belle Guinn, Mattie Newton, Anna McGhee, Anna Collins, Myrtle Cornell, Minnie, Myrtle and Eura Tuttle, and Messrs. J. R. Carver, Jesse McGhee, A. E. Flesher, Fred and Julian Tuttle.

## Southwestern Opportunities.

C. P. Blanton, editor and publisher of "Southwestern Opportunities, of El Paso, Texas, has been in town several days this week, securing data for a write-up of the Estancia Valley. He also secured a number of cuts and photos for cuts with which to illustrate the article. Such an article cannot help but assist in developing the country, by bringing its advantages and undeveloped resources to the attention of capitalists and others interested in the great southwest.

Angus McGillivray delivered his wool in Estancia Wednesday of this week. He sold his clip to L. A. Hughes of Santa Fe, T. A. Herlow receiving the shipment.

## STEEL CAGES FOR JAIL.

Contract Let for Up-to-date Fixtures for Torrance County Jail

Sheriff Meyer went to Tajique Wednesday of this week to consult with Chairman Jesus Candelaria of the Board of County Commissioners in regard to the details of accepting a bid for the cells for the county jail, the call for bids having been advertised for several weeks past in these columns.

Representatives of two companies have been here and visited the jail getting exact dimensions and specifications, both of whom have submitted bids. The cells have been needed for some time and had they been in place the jail delivery of some months ago, would in all probability never have occurred. There is sufficient money in the court house and jail fund to more than pay the expense and Sheriff Meyer will not be happy until the cells are in place. He has been working hard to get the cells, in which he was successful at the last meeting of the board.

The contract was awarded to the Southern Steel Structural Company of San Antonio, Texas for two steel cages, with corridor between. A tank will be placed overhead, all fittings and connections to be made complete. The price complete with everything in place is \$1435, the work to be completed by October 1st, 1909. With these cages in place, the Torrance county jail will be one of the best equipped in the territory. Sheriff Meyer is only afraid that the place will be so inviting that he will have more applicants than he can care for.

## Territorial Banks

On July 1, according to the report of Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford for the past fiscal year, being prepared for Governor Curry's annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, there were in New Mexico seventy-five national and territorial banks doing business with a capital of \$3,274,086 and resources and liabilities amounting to \$24,608,651. Since New Year this is an increase of six banks, one national and five territorial, on that date the capital having been \$2,814,500, and the resources and liabilities \$31,086,089. During the past six years there has not been a failure of a national or territorial bank in New Mexico and on July 1 the territorial banks had a reserve of 44 per cent, much larger than that required under the National Banking Act. There has been one failure of a private bank, a small concern at San Marcial, over which the territorial auditor had no supervision, but under the new law of 1909, these banks will come under his supervision. Nothing better illustrates the revival of business in the Southwest and the carefulness of the supervision given the banks by the territorial traveling auditor. —New Mexican.

Albert Abbott has leased the Dow building recently vacated by Felix Gurule, and will open a meat market therein at once. Fixtures were placed in the building on Wednesday of this week.

## Richards Moves.

"Dad" Richards has been fixing up a room just east of the old Valley Lumber Yard offices, across the street from the Nisbett Barn, where he will move his carpentry shop. When he gets it fixed to suit him, he will be comfortably located and ready for all kinds of work in his line.

## Airship at Albuquerque

The Strobel airship will be by far the biggest attraction ever brought to New Mexico for a territorial fair or anything else," said President W. G. Tight, of the fair yesterday.

Dr. Tight has recently returned from an extended trip through California, during which he opened negotiations with Roy Knabenshue and a number of other well known aviators, with the object of securing an engagement for the twenty-ninth territorial celebration next October, in this city. Prof. Tight was about to close with one of the California men when T. F. Lester, traveling representative of Charles J. Strobel, arrived in Albuquerque, and Secretary McManus embraced the golden opportunity and after communicating with the president, closed at once with Lester. By so doing he secured one of the most celebrated airships of the present day and one whose every performance is watched with great interest by the aeronautic world.

"Coming just at this time, when the world interest in the science of aviation is intense," said President Tight, "we believe we are particularly fortunate in securing an engagement with the Strobel airship. It is the airship which has to its credit a longer list of prize-winnings than any other in existence and the one which has shown itself to be the safest and most practicable.

"The people of New Mexico have never had an opportunity to witness anything like the spectacle which will be furnished by the daily and nightly ascents of this immense airship during the fair. The ascents of the balloon in this high altitude and rarefied atmosphere will be watched I think with considerable interest by aviators the country over."

In case any high-flying stunts are attempted by the Strobel aeronauts here it is likely that some world's records for altitude will be broken. The aviator here has the advantage of a 5000 foot start over his fellows in the east.

An interesting feature of the ascensions will be the taking of photographs of the city and surrounding country from a lofty altitude, which it is needless to say will be in great demand. —Albuquerque Journal

## Baptist Services

Rev. D. B. Jackson, pastor of the local Baptist Church has asked us to announce the regular services at the Baptist Church on next Sunday. In a letter to the News, he says:

"I am assisting Rev. B. W. Means in a revival at Mt. Calvary 7 1-2 miles north of Mountainair. Have had to date three conversions and splendid services. Had a good rain here yesterday.

I will be home Thursday or Friday.

## WORKING THE SOIL IN SUMMER

By Prof. H. W. Campbell, "the Man Who Knows."

The main object in early spring work is to establish a loose mulch over the surface to stop evaporation, also to loosen the surface to admit air.

The next step after the double disking is to continue to maintain this same loose surface. It is very vital to the success of the summer tilling, no matter what the season may be, but especially true should there be no rain in the early part of the season. We have two important points to gain by this early work. They are the principal factors in securing the most ideal conditions for the largest possible yield of the crop we expect to plant, and don't forget that we are instructing how to get the big yield. These points are first to store and retain all the possible moisture in the soil below.

Should we have an abundant rain during the crop season, the water from the surface will be more readily taken into the soil if there is plenty of moisture below. Then the average field has abundance of storage below, not like a cistern that has a bottom with a given number of gallons capacity. The moisture can keep on soaking down below as long as you keep sealing in shower after shower by loosening the surface as quickly after each rain as the soil becomes sufficiently dry so the soil will not stick to the cultivator or harrow. In all clay subsoils this moisture may be crowded on down and stored for several feet, and yet practically none of it is lost but will return by capillary attraction upward to feed the plant as it needs it, if too much is not allowed to escape from the surface of the soil by evaporation. On the other hand if the rainfall is light during the crop growing period, the moisture stored below keeps up the growth of the plant during the prolonged dry periods, giving a big crop and not a failure.

The second point of importance is to hold this moisture with a loose surface which permits of a free circulation of air. Bear in mind the admitting of this air to the soil in vast quantities is just as vital as the storing of the water, for it is the combination of air and water in the soil in proper quantities together with heat and light that brings about the all important chemical action which develops our nitrates, bacteria and other elements necessary for the growth of the plant.

As soon after the double disking as a rain of any magnitude may fall or if the little weeds begin to start, another cultivation is necessary, either with the common harrow or the disk, usually the harrow will answer until well into the growing season. Above all things do not let the weeds grow. It is very difficult to realize how rapidly the moisture is drunk up, or utilized by the little growing weeds. It is not only a question of the loss of the moisture which is taken up by the weeds, but just as soon as the moisture is depleted below a certain point in the soil, then all nitrification or decomposition ceases.

With just a few words added to impress more fully upon the

## Inspecting Water Conditions

Inspector Meinzer of the Reclamation Service, accompanied by his wife, has been driving through the valley the past week, looking into the water supply and conditions. In a number of places he made tests of the water, and is preparing a report to be made to the Department at Washington.

## Another Planing Mill

Work on the Romero Planing Mill has been again taken up this week, an engine and boiler room now being under construction just west of the main building, erected last summer. The engine has been placed on a concrete foundation, as the boiler will likewise be. The engine room will be constructed of brick, and be of ample size. The machinery for the mill has been ordered and is now on the road. As soon as this arrives it will be placed in position, and the work commenced in earnest.

Mr. Romero, who has been here this week, personally looking after the work, already has several nice orders for finishing lumber booked, and is anxious to get the machinery started so as to fill these. His sawmills in the Manzano mountains will furnish him plenty of rough material to keep the mill busy. He now has about sixty men employed at the sawmills, and the planing mill will give work to a number more.

Rev. D. B. Jackson returned from the southwestern part of the valley, where he has been assisting Rev. B. W. Means in a series of meetings at Mt. Calvary Church. He reports good success in the meetings.

W. W. Crawford, the grocer is suffering an attack of erysipelas this week. He is reported improving at this time.

reader's mind the importance of this summer tilling, we wish to make a few statements that are, so far as our experience goes beyond any question true. There are many fields all over the central west, including the states of Minnesota, Iowa, Dakota, Nebraska, etc., that have been cultivated for a number of years and planted to wheat. The average yield of these various states seems to run between 11.7 and 16.6 bushels per acre for the last ten years. Minnesota, Iowa and North Dakota have in their average yield during the last five years as against the previous five. This, however, is not due to the fact that the soil is permanently losing its producing powers or qualities, but because there has not been a sufficient length of time when the plowed portion of the soil has carried just the proper quantity of air and water to promote chemical action.

And one of these fields that has a good sand loam soil and is cultivated during one season without a crop in such a manner as to carry in the soil the proper quantity of air and water for a sufficient length of time will develop plant elements to that degree that if the proper kind of a seed bed was established for the growing crop the following year a much larger yield than was ever produced in that field can be obtained.