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TEACHERS CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING

Pass Resolutions Showing Appreciation of Work of Instructors

The Torrance County Teachers Institute which has been in session since the first of last week closed last evening. Today and tomorrow will be spent in the examinations. The instructors Mrs. Nora Brumback and Miss Norton have won the praise not only of the teachers themselves but of all those who have visited the school and noted the work. Being enthused themselves with the work in hand, it is not difficult to arouse an interest in others, and send them out to further the good work. The success of the work reflects credit upon Superintendent Burt for the tireless manner in which he has worked for the up-building of the schools of the county.

Territorial Superintendent J. E. Clark was down the first of the week and on Monday morning made a "shop-talk" to the teachers, spending quite a few minutes on the subject of the school-room as regards sanitation and ventilation. Under the direction of Supt. Clark, a competent architect has been preparing a book of plans for the building of school houses suitable for the needs of the various districts of the average county. It is to be hoped that Supt. Clark will succeed in his endeavors to secure legislation making it compulsory that school boards in building adopt some one of the plans as prepared under the direction of the Board of Education. Such an act would largely minimize the number of poorly constructed buildings as regards ventilation, sanitation, lighting, fire escapes, etc.

Before adjourning the teachers adopted the following resolutions.

Whereas, we the teachers of Torrance county have spent the time so pleasantly together and have been so materially benefited by the instruction we have received and

Whereas, we are soon to speak the final word and give each other the parting hand,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our efficient instructors Mrs. Nora Brumback, Miss Grace B. Norton and Superintendent, Chas. L. Burt, for their kind, patient and untiring labors in our behalf and that we respectfully ask that their labors be secured for the next year if possible.

Resolved, too, that we do most highly appreciate the labors of Superintendent J. E. Clark to make New Mexico second to none in the point of educational efficiency. We note also that the incompetent teacher together with the poorly constructed and more poorly equipped school house is probably to be a thing of the past at no distant date.

Resolved also that we favor a change in our institute work, that the course of study be abbreviated, or that the manuals be placed in the hands of the county superintendent for distribution to the teachers of the county one year prior to the session in which they are to be used. We also favor an extension of the time for institute work to four weeks. We feel that these changes, one or all of

Births.

On Tuesday morning to Mrs. Virgie Block a nine and a half pound boy. Mrs. Block is at present making her home with her sister Mrs. A. D. Knick in Alta Vista.

On Wednesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Williams a daughter. The young lady tips the scales at seven and a half pounds. Henry Clay says the girls are always sweet, but he wishes this was a boy!

A bouncing baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riley on last Friday evening, three and a half miles west of town.

On Monday morning a six pound boy came to make his home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Orm, west of town.

W. O. W. Dange.

The Woodmen Dance on last Saturday night was not only an enjoyable affair, but one of the most largely attended which has occurred recently. Numerous compliments have been heard concerning the affair and especially in regard to the music which is reported to have been above the average.

Newton-Tuttle.

On Tuesday evening at the Claire Hotel in Santa Fe, Miss Mattie Newton and James F. Tuttle, were united in marriage. Rev. E. C. Anderson of the Methodist Church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle returned on last night's train and will be at home to their friends at Estancia. Both are held in high esteem here and the News voices the sentiment of a host of "valley folk" in wishing them a long and prosperous journey through life.

them, would materially add to the benefit derived from such work.

Resolved further that we extend a vote of thanks to the local schoolboard for kindly permitting us to use the new school building which to the credit of the good people of the district adorns the grounds in the western part of the town. We express the unanimous thought of all the teachers of the bighearted people of Estancia that it is always a pleasure to us to visit their town, mingle with them upon the streets, in their homes and in the recitation room.

Resolved further that we as teachers breathe deeply and often the spirit of our instructors before separating from them and that we endeavor to carry the same spirit into our schools and entuse it into the hearts of those with whom we come in contact during the next year's work.

Resolved that our Supt., Mr. Burt be requested to write a letter to Senator Beveridge of Indiana chairman of the statehood committee explaining the high character of education in New Mexico and requesting that on account of the number and character of its citizens he use his influence to secure statehood for New Mexico.

Resolved finally that copies of these resolutions be furnished the leading county papers for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Resolutions.

DEAL CLOSED FOR SALE OF BONDS

Bid is Par for 5's and 102 per cent. for 6's. Plans for Courthouse

W. A. Scott, representing the firm of E. H. Rollins & Sons of Denver, Colorado, on last Monday purchased of the county commissioners Fifteen Thousand Dollars worth of County Bonds, \$5000 of 6 per cent current expense bonds and \$10,000 of 5 percent courthouse bonds. The bid for the courthouse bonds was par, and that for the current expense bonds being par and \$100. or 102 per cent.

The twenty-five thousand dollars Establishment bonds were delivered to Solomon Luna, treasurer of Valencia County in payment of the indebtedness of Torrance county in full.

District Attorney Abbott of Santa Fe was present during the meeting of the board of county commissioners and advised them in the various actions taken, approving of the sale as well as the form of the bonds themselves. All expenses connected with the printing and lithographing of the bonds, was paid by the purchasers. While the sale is subject to the approval of the company's attorneys, this is practically assured as the company had already had the bonds printed and asked that the same be signed by the chairman and clerk of the board which was done. The bonds were then placed in the local bank until the cash is received for them.

Chas. F. Easley, representing Rapp & Rapp, architects of Las Vegas and Trinidad, presented plans for a courthouse, which plans were approved by the board, the clerk being instructed to notify the architects to draw up the specifications and have them ready for the receiving of bids for the construction of the building at the regular meeting in October. The clerk was also notified to publish a call for bids, as soon as the completed plans and specifications have been received. The plans call for a two story brick building about 44x60 feet. On the first floor will be offices for the probate clerk, treasurer and assessor, and a room for the meetings of the county commissioners, besides halls, vaults, etc. On the second floor will be a spacious court room, jury room and judge's office, for the use of the district court.

The funds derived from the sale of the current expense bonds will, together with the special levy for outstanding judgements, cover all the valid indebtedness of the county contracted during the first year of the county's existence, 1905, before taxes were levied and collected. The sale of these bonds will place the county on a good financial basis, with outstanding bonded indebtedness of \$40,000 and an assessed valuation of over a million dollars.

The district attorney advised the commissioners in regard to the Tajique Land Grant that the grant was subject to taxation for the year 1909, and the assessor was ordered to add the schedule for the grant to the tax rolls of 1909.

W. R. Shelton of Moriarty was in Estancia on business on Tuesday of this week.

Injunction Made Permanent

After hearing testimony for two days in the case of J. P. Dunlavy, vs. J. D. Hunter and L. H. Mullen, Judge John R. McFie, in a verbal decision last evening in which he discussed a number of interesting law points, made permanent the injunction, restraining the defendants from establishing a saloon on what they claimed is an addition to the townsite of Mountainair. The decision was based upon the territorial law prohibiting boards of county commissioners from granting licenses to applicants in settlements having less than one hundred inhabitants. The townsite of Mountainair is laid out under a proviso that no lots should be sold on the site on which strong drink is to be dispensed. The defendants sought to overcome this by plating an addition to the original townsite of 280 acres but the addition was in no manner tied to the original townsite and Judge McFie holds that the plat of a townsite for a town that is unincorporated defines the limits of the town. A census was then ordered by the board of county commissioners and a return was made that the settlement had more than one hundred inhabitants. The plaintiff contended that the census was fraudulent and that persons were enumerated who were not residents. The case hinged upon the question whether the census is to be of the date of the granting of the license or not, and Judge McFie decided that it was to be of that date. This decision will for the time being settle the attempts to establish saloons at or near Mountainair, attempts which the townsite owners have been endeavoring to fight at considerable cost of time and money. —New Mexican.

Sports and Amusements

If the visitors at the Twenty-ninth Annual Fair and Resources Exposition get tired of looking at exhibits, the fair management is not going to let the time hang heavy on their hands. The finest program of sports and amusements, something doing every minute of every day, that was ever attempted in New Mexico will keep the amusement seeker entertained from October 11-16 a little more strenuously than ever before.

While the resources feature is to be the big show, the Carnival will also be in a class all by itself. There is \$1500.00 in prizes for the baseball tournament with the fastest teams of the Southwest entered; the big Southwestern Marathon; a fifteen mile endurance race, the most intensely exciting of all sporting events; \$800.00 in prizes in other athletic events; \$6500.00 purses for the horse racing; the famous Strobel airship, the most successful dirigible balloon in existence will make daily and nightly ascents over the city and Fair Grounds, and a great aggregation of first class carnival attractions will be located on "The Plaza," something that will make "The Pike" and "The Trail" look dead by comparison.

With President Taft in Albuquerque on October 16 and 17 and the big demonstration with which the people of New Mexico will greet him, visitors at the 29th Fair need not be afraid of dullness.

F. F. Jennings, attorney of Willard, was up on Monday.

REPORTS BADLY OVERDRAWN

As Regards True Conditions in the Valley. Work will be Supplied

Reports have gone out to various territorial papers that the farmers of the Estancia valley are starving—that is those who have not been able to get away, and appeals mingled with rumors have reached Governor Curry in such numbers that he has sent a representative through the valley to look into the conditions and report directly back to the Governor.

Prof. J. D. Tinsley of the Agricultural College of Mesilla Park was in Estancia yesterday, having driven down from Santa Fe making his investigation as to conditions. In talking with Mr. Tinsley, he said that he found conditions greatly exaggerated, especially as to the people being destitute. "In the extreme north end of the valley I found a few—not to exceed a half dozen—who might be classed as destitute, but this had been caused more by sickness than anything else. I found a number of people going away to look for work, as the crops in the north end of the valley were practically a failure, most of them will return; of course there are always some who are going, and those will not return. What surprised me the most was to find the people standing by the valley, after the tales I have heard about people being so discouraged. I found a few who would not work if they had a chance, who have an idea that the government or somebody should send them food by the carload and let them sit down and enjoy themselves. In the north end of the valley, and east of the railroad farther south, very little has been raised or will be raised this year, and a number of the people living in this section will have to go away and work. Governor Curry has already requested the officials of the Land Office in Santa Fe to act as quickly as possible on all applications for Leave of absence and extend all the leniency possible to the homesteader. The Governor is contemplating taking up the matter of road building in various counties for the purpose of supplying work to some of these people who must have work shortly. Arrangements are being made to secure county and territorial funds for this purpose, which will greatly relieve the situation.

"It is our intention to assist all to find work, who care to work, but it is not our intention to help anyone who will not try to help himself. Toward the mountains west from Estancia I found conditions quite satisfactory. While not all will have first-class crops by any means, there will be an immense amount of stuff harvested, and no aid will be needed in that section."

Farming in Dry Country.

In arid regions like this, the matter of suitable crops is one that should receive first consideration at the hands of farmers.

Dry farming will not produce crops of all varieties all the time, for there are a great many things that will thrive on irrigated areas that will never mature on a Dry Farm regardless of how scientifically it is cultivated and cared for.

Dry Farming will accomplish wonders but it will not bring about the impossible. Therefore it is not fair to expect that every known plant or vegetable will forage and many kindred crops will grow with excellent success and it is best for the newcomer to try these first, with almost absolute certainty of making a success, rather than going into too many different branches of agriculture and failing in them all.

The plants of the grass family are the easiest to grow and the surest to mature with success, therefore corn, milo, maize, sorghum and plants of this character should be planted first and the farmer who combines cattle raising with his farming is the man who will make the greatest success. By raising cattle he has a ready market for his farm products—he consumes them all himself—and he can then always find a sale for his beef.

This, many argue, is the best method of farming in the dry regions, but the farmer, after he starts out in this manner, can gradually work into other lines of agriculture, test out the soil and select additional crops which he can harvest with profit and success. Peas, frijoles and watermelons are crops that will grow well under the Dry Farming system and in many cases vegetables not so hardy can be raised, but it takes individual effort and study, along with the application of common sense and scientific cultivation, to get results.

Durum wheat is said to be one of the best Dry Farm crops and it has been tried out in many regions with great success. It is said to be especially adapted to dry climates and not at all suitable to the regions where there is a heavy rainfall. As it has been a success elsewhere throughout the west, it is worth trying in this section, but only on small areas at a time. Then if it proves a success, there is a great future for it, as there is plenty of land ready for cultivation and many farmers who are willing to come and cultivate it when they find that it will grow.

An experiment station is needed in this section very badly and if the state cannot be induced to locate one here, then El Paso should move and work earnestly for the United States government to do so. —El Paso Herald.

Gard of Thanks.

We desire to thank our many friends through the columns of the News who were so kind to us in our sad bereavement. May you in times of similar trouble find as true friends.

Mrs. W. W. Crawford and family.

R. C. Wagner of McIntosh was down on Monday. Mr. Wagner expected to leave yesterday for West Liberty Iowa, where he goes to fill up on fresh fruit, and take a needed rest.