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## WOODMEN PICNIC TOMORROW NIGHT

Members of Local Camp Will Entertain the Public with Drama

The local camp Modern Woodmen of America, will put on the play "The Woodmen Picnic" or "The Forged Certificate" on tomorrow (Saturday) night, the performance taking place at the Woodmen Hall. The young people, who are all home folks, have been studying and practicing their parts for some time and should be greeted by a good house.

The price of admission has been placed very low, considering the work necessary to put the play on. Twenty-five cents will be charged for all persons over 15 years of age and fifteen cents for all under. An evening of laughter and wholesome fun, interwoven with the lessons which Woodcraft teaches and practices, is assured all who attend.

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Col. Nathan Wayne H. L. Bainum  
Virginia Planter  
Old Blind Man" Same  
(Col. Wayne, bereft of reason in search of daughter)  
Rodney Ricker D. R. Johnson  
Col. Wayne's dishonest clerk  
Astus Green, Same  
Money Shark  
G. Allan Devere Joe W. Pettus  
Dude, lover of Susie Wayne  
Geo. Allan, Same  
Dakota Ranchman  
North Carolina Pete, M. Smith  
With a black skin and a white heart  
Ted Brown, Julian Tuttle  
In love, but afraid to speak  
Ed Davis, H. S. Cobb  
A "Gol derved" Yankee, also in love  
James Sharp, J. M. Baker  
Sheriff  
Susie Wayne, Miss Bush  
Loyal and True  
Mrs. George Allan, Same  
Nina Winters, Mrs. J. W. Pettus  
A school teacher, loved by  
Jed Brown  
Mamie Lane, Miss Edna Green  
Loved by Sol Davis  
Kitty Jones, Miss Preston  
A Dakota Wild Flower  
Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Preston  
Kitty's Mother, a widow of a Woodman  
Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Green  
Wife of Sheriff Sharp  
Bridget Noonan, Mrs. Bainum  
Servant at Mrs. Allans  
Some excellent character sketches, a drill by Foresters team, a country picnic under Woodmen auspices, interspersed with humorous dialogue, holds the attention of the audience to the end. Enough of a plot and the traditional love tale is woven into the story of the play to bring the desired happy end—the villain foiled, the mortgage shark outwitted, the lovers united, the parents forgiving, and the home saved by a certificate in the Modern Woodmen of America.

### Presbyterian Church Notes.

The Presbyterians will hold services at the M. E. Church Sunday morning. There will be special music. All are invited.

R. Carver will preach at Moriarty Sunday evening.

## Old Maid's Club.

The bachelor ladies of Estancia have organized what they are pleased to designate as the "Old Maid's Club" in an effort to offset the work of the local Bachelor's Club" which has been organized here for some time. The first meeting was held on Wednesday night of this week, other meetings to follow at regular or irregular terms. While we have not seen the By-Laws, we have been informed that the first is to the effect that each member found in the company of one of the sterner sex is to pay a fine of fifty cents for each offense. An effort is being made to enroll as members all the younger ladies of the town as well as those of maturer years, but these are hesitating unless they can arrange with the young men to liquidate the amount of the fines for them.

## Push Ball.

Bronco busting won't be in it with the festive game of pushball at the Twenty-Ninth Territorial fair at Albuquerque this fall. Pushball is something new in this neck of woods and is calculated to make the old-timers sit up and look eckeyed and gasp.

The Fair Association has purchased an immense cowhide ball six feet and a half in diameter and warranted to stand a pressure of one million pounds to the square mile. The competing teams in this interesting sport are mounted on wiry ponies and line up five on a side. You are not allowed to touch the ball with your hands and the opponents must push the ball along the field by spurring their ponies directly against it.

Ten wild-eyed cow ponies hurling themselves against a six foot ball is a sight for gods and men and those who have seen the game played say it is as exciting as a Cubs-Tiger's baseball and a Yale-Harvard football scrimmage combined with a cavalry charge and a suffragette riot.

This is the very biggest innovation ever attempted in the sporting events of the Territorial carnival and will be alone worth a trip to Albuquerque to see. Teams have already been organized and are practicing and Pushball promises to make the hit of the decade in the southwest after it has been introduced by the fair management.

## Carrizozo Wins County Seat.

On Tuesday of this week a special election was held in Lincoln county to decide whether the county seat should remain at Lincoln or be moved to Carrizozo, the latter town being on the railroad, while the former is a days drive up in the mountains. The result of the election showed 731 votes in favor of Carrizozo and 393 for Lincoln, with six of the smaller precincts yet to be heard from.

Mrs. Nancy H. Cox King returned from Roswell Tuesday of this week, where she has been visiting Mr. King for several days. She also attended the meeting of the Lincoln Baptist Association at Hope and reports a good meeting.

## RESIDENCE MUST BE BONA FIDE

According to Decision of Department in Regard to Homesteads

Through the kindness of Attorney C. R. Easley, we have read a decision by Hon. Frank Pierce, First Assistant Secretary Department of the Interior, in regard to the contest proceeding brought by the government vs. Gilbert Satrang in the Dickinson Land District in North Dakota, which decision establishes a precedent of interest to a number of claim holders in the Estancia Valley. The decision, being of recent date has not as yet been included in the regularly published reports.

On November 21, 1904, Gilbert Satrang made homestead entry No 475, for the se 1-4 sec 6, township 123 north, range 93 west, Dickinson, North Dakota, land district. On January 23, 1906, commutation proof was submitted upon the entry, but pending an investigation no certificate was issued.

July 21, 1906, a special agent filed charges against the entry, that the claim was abandoned. That there was no enclosure, the improvements consisting of a small frame shack 10 by 12 feet, and about three acres of breaking that had never been cropped, value about \$50; that the claimant's residence had been in Canton, S. D., where he had a home and was engaged in business as a merchant and had resided with his family, except a few months in the summer of 1905, and when he returned to make proof in January 1906.

The officers of the local land offices found that the government had failed to sustain the charge and recommended that the proceedings be dismissed. The case was appealed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who reversed the findings. The entryman then appealed to the department, which sustained the commissioner.

While maintaining a so-called residence upon the land, the assistant secretary found, that the evidence submitted showed that the entryman still maintained his house furnished at Canton. And that the land was occupied from about the 15th of May, 1905 to some time in January 1906, about eight months. During this time the wife of the entryman was with him on the land.

In summing up, the assistant secretary says: "If mere occupancy of a homestead claim for a period of eight months, commenced before the expiration of six months, from the date of entry will entitle the claimant to purchase the land, this claimant has complied with the law and is entitled to a patent. But if title to land under the homestead law can only be acquired by establishing and maintaining an actual bona fide residence and by improving and cultivating the land with the honest purpose of making the land a home, this entry must be canceled for the reason that it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that every act of claimant, from the inception of entry until the making of final proof, was made with a studied purpose to perform such acts only as he considered essential to a show of compliance with the mere letter of the law

## Who Lost A Back Comb?

Rev. A. M. Steele, pastor of the local Methodist Church has found a nice back-comb which he would like to return to the owner. For some time he has kept the church doors locked during the week, and upon entering the building Wednesday discovered that one of the windows had been raised, after which the rear door of the building had been opened from the inside. On looking around further he discovered a comb, probably belonging to some one of the ladies of Estancia, who desiring to visit the place of worship, could not wait until Sunday or a regular week-day service. If the owner will make herself known, Mr. Steele will not only return the comb, but also see that she has a key whenever she desires to visit the sanctuary.

## VALLEY VIEW

B. F. Moore was in Estancia Saturday.

Wheeler Brothers attended to business in the county seat Tuesday.

J. T. Underwood of Oklahoma came in Thursday to visit his brother here.

D. D. Smith left this week for western New Mexico where he expects to work the next sixty days.

Watt Rowe left Saturday for Florida and Kentucky points visiting relatives.

Oscar Ray and H. W. Rowe returned Tuesday from La Boscque much benefitted by the trip.

Messrs. Bryant and Underwood and their families returned this week from the mountains. They report a most enjoyable outing.

W. H. Wheeler and sons, B. E. and William, left this week for Texico, to put three teams on railway grade work for the next ninety days.

A heavy rain fell in this neighborhood Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Crops are looking fine, lots of spuds, beans and feed will be harvested.

and regulations, with a view solely of acquiring title to the land by purchase and that he never at any time had an honest intention of making the land a home. \* \* \* Residence within the meaning of the homestead law must be established and maintained with the intent to make a permanent home upon the land to the exclusion of a home elsewhere. \* \* \* 'The element of good faith is the essential foundation of all valid claims under the homestead law.' Lee vs. Johnson, 116 U. S., 48-52. Applying this test to this case, claimant never at any time established a residence upon the land within the meaning and intent of the homestead law, and his occupancy of the land, though continuous for a period of eight months, was not maintained with a view to making a permanent home upon the land, but solely for the purpose of acquiring title thereto. Such intent and purpose, which is clearly shown by his acts at the time of the initiation of his claim, is strongly corroborated by his conduct subsequent to the making of final proof, which will always be considered with other testimony as illustrating the intent and purpose in making the entry."

## PALLADIUM CONFERRED

Archbishop Pitaval of Santa Fe Honored by Dignitaries of Church

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 18.—In the presence of nearly 150 clergymen, among them many dignitaries of the church, and surrounded by a vast concourse of people, who came to Santa Fe from all parts of the southwest. Most Rev. John Baptist Pitaval, arch-bishop of the diocese of Santa Fe, was this morning invested with the pallium, one of the most significant gifts within the power of the church. The vestment was bestowed upon Archbishop Pitaval by Right Rev. M. C. Matz, bishop of the diocese of Denver, who officiated as the special ambassador of Pope Pius X. The conferring of the honor was attended by all the pomp and splendor appropriate to such a notable occasion. The high altar, before which the ceremony occurred, was brilliantly lighted with myriads of candles, while the intonation of the beautiful Gregorian chant by two choirs of priests, one in the sanctuary and the other in the choir, lent an added solemnity to the celebration.—Albuquerque Journal.

## Races at Fair

One of the best racing meets ever held in the southwest is scheduled for the Twenty-ninth Annual New Mexico Fair and Resources Exposition which will be held in this city for five days beginning October 11. A total of \$6,500 in cash prizes has been offered, insuring the finest thoroughbreds being entered. Horses are expected from various points in California and Colorado, but the greater portion will arrive from Texas.

The feature day on the race program will be Friday, October 15, which has been designated as "Bill Durham Day." The event will be a 2:12 pace for a \$1,000 cash stake which is offered by the Blackwell Durham Tobacco company. In addition to the harness races, a pleasing running race program has been arranged and some of the best runners in the country are expected to be entered before the entry list closes. The program for the five days' racing is as follows:

### HARNESS PROGRAM.

Tuesday, Oct. 12.	
No. 1—2:19 pace	\$500
No. 2—2:30 trot	500
Wednesday, Oct. 13.	
No. 3—Free for all pace	\$500
No. 4—2:30 mix trot and pace for Bernalillo county horses only	300
Thursday, Oct. 14.	
No. 5—2:25 pace	\$500
No. 6—2:20 trot	500
Friday, Oct. 15.	
"Bull Durham Day."	
No. 7—2:12 pace, Bull Durham stake	\$1,000
Donated by Blackell's Bull Durham Co.	
Saturday, Oct. 16	
No. 8—Free for all trot	\$500
No. 9—1-1/4 mile handicap, trot and pace, for Bernalillo county horses	300

### RUNNING RACES

5-8 mile dash	\$100
7-8 mile dash	150
4 1-2 furlongs	100
5 1-2 furlongs	100
Relay race—5 miles	150
Derby—1 1-8 miles	350
6 1-2 furlongs	125
1/2 mile handicap	150
1/2 mile dash	100
3-4 mile dash	125

## Summer Culture No. 5.

BY W. H. CAMPBELL.

In our last number (July) we devoted considerable space to the question of plowing. The question now is that of after cultivation, following the plowing of the summer tilled ground. In a recent trip through Texas, from there up into the Dakotas, and quite an extended drive among the farmers proves to us that we have not put too much stress in our articles in the past calling the attention of the farmer to certain ideal condition of the soil, so vital, to the successful growth of the plant. We find fields all over the country where they seem to be trying to carry out our ideas, but have apparently only grasped the mechanical work which we referred to. And this, without sufficient comprehension of the real object of the work.

Our greatest criticism may be put upon the use of the disk harrow after plowing forming a mulch altogether too deep. Now this may be all right if a heavy rain follows in the near future, which would dissolve and settle the mulch, giving the farmer an opportunity to use the common steel harrow, or the acme harrow in restoring a mulch of the proper depth. Permit us to call attention to a minute description of the ideal physical condition so much desired. In the early work of summer tilling, which includes the disking in early spring and subsequent harrowing after rains, we have not only succeeded in storing quite a per cent. of moisture below, but by holding the moisture in the firm soil near the surface we have the most ideal condition for promoting nitrification or decomposition. Through this process of chemical action, much of the important elements for promoting plant growth are developed. Now we have proceeded to plow from six to seven inches deep. Our next step is a vital one—that of getting the lower portion of this plowed ground as fine and firm as possible. This fine, firm condition of the soil should obtain to within two or two and a half inches of the surface. This two to two and a half inches of ground should be loose, composed mainly of small lumps. Any looseness or small cavities existing in the lower portion of the soil which we so much desire should be firm, will surely militate against the growth and development of the plant. Right here is one of the most important points for the farmer to understand. Elsewhere we have discussed at quite a length this fine firm seed bed and its importance, but we wish to impress upon the mind of the reader that a slight difference in the physical or mechanical condition of this soil in a season of light rainfall or in seasons when there may be an abundance of rain, but coming usually in light showers or drizzling rains may make a difference of 25 or even 50 per cent. in the yield of the crop. In other words, there may be two strong broad points made, which govern very largely the magnitude of the yield as well as the quality of the grain.

One of these is that of handling the soil during the heated part of the season while summer tilling so as to promote nitrification and other chemical actions which follow. This can only be accomplished when the soil that is firm under the mulch carries the least amount of air and the largest percent of capillary water. The other point is that ideal fine firm moist seed and root bed. One that is favorable to the rapid growth and prolific development of the roots.