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STRENGTH OF DEMOCRATS IS SHOWN BY PRIMARIES

Santa Fe.—The recent Democratic primaries in Chaves and Eddy counties resulted in a showing of greatly increased Democratic strength, and served to emphasize the opportunity that this year confronts the Democracy of New Mexico in Chaves county more than 2000 Democratic votes were cast, or approximately 1000 more than the highest number cast in the first state election, and in Eddy county the total was close to 2100, or more than 600 in excess of the heaviest vote in 1911. At the presidential election in 1912, and the congressional election in 1914 the vote in both counties was less than that cast for the first state ticket. It is a matter of record that many new voters have settled in other sections of the state during the last few years, and that increased Democratic strength likewise exists in several other counties, among them Quay, Roosevelt, Curry, Union, Colfax and Guadalupe. In Santa Fe, a few days ago, Dr. J. J. Shuler, mayor of Baton, who so decisively shipped the Republican "gangs" of Colfax county in the recent municipal election there, estimated the additional Democratic votes in Colfax at from 500 to 700, and declared that they would enable that county to register heavily on the Democratic side at the November election. He said: "The Democracy of Colfax county will be united this year, and it will make its influence felt in the November results."

To take advantage of the opportunity presented by the increased voting strength this year, effective work on the part of Democratic county and precinct organizations, and individual co-operation on the part of the voters, will be necessary. Obviously the additional Democratic votes will be valueless to the party unless they are deposited at the polls in November. In Democratic counties, where primary nominations are equivalent to election, and where local interest ends when these nominations are made, every voter must realize that Democratic principles and policies, national and state, will be at stake in November; that the future of New Mexico and its people depends upon Democratic control of state affairs, and that both party loyalty and personal welfare demand that any effort necessary be made to aid in a Democratic victory. In every county of the state aggressive, determined and united action by the Democratic voters is called for, to the end that the Republican machine shall not gain power, and that the Republican history of unprogressiveness and unscrupulousness, of incompetency and gross mismanagement in public affairs, and of flagrant violations of the rights of the people, shall not be repeated in New Mexico.

Friends Anxious About Thorpe

The many friends of John Thorpe, both in Clayton and in Kenton, where he is well known, are decidedly anxious concerning the outcome of the operation which he underwent some ten days ago. He was operated on for a tumor of the stomach at the Mercy Hospital the first of last week, and Friday his sister, Mrs. Willis Means, of Kenton, received word that his life was a matter of but a few hours. She left Friday night for Denver and nothing has been heard from her. Those interested, however, believe that Mr. Thorpe must be recovering or some word would have come before this time.

Walton Snyder Buys Studebaker

Walton Snyder has purchased a three passenger Studebaker roadster, which was delivered to him thru the Clayton Garage and Auto Company. The car was given a good tryout on the Dalhart trip and Snyder is well pleased with it.

SHORTAGE OF SEED BEANS

Local Seed Houses Forced to Send to Four Corners of Nation for Legumes

There is a decided shortage in the supply of seed beans in the local market and the local dealers are filling mail sacks and burning up telegraph wires in reaching to every available market for seed beans to supply the demand.

Beans sold last year at about four dollars and fifty cents per hundred and are now bringing eight seventy-five and hard to obtain.

There was an excellent crop of beans harvested last fall but the demand for seeding purposes was not anticipated by the local dealers and they are running short.

The price for good clean Mexican Pinto beans may reach ten dollars, the highest price in the history of the seed business here, before the season for seeding closes.

There is almost three times the acreage of beans being planted this year as last. This partly accounts for the shortage, but the shipment of beans to other parts of the country last fall and winter depleted the supply to a great extent.

If you have beans hold them; or better yet, plant them and name your own price, almost, for fall delivery.

Pioneer Cattle Man Recovering

Word has been received from Henry Jones, one of the pioneer cattle men of the lower Cimarron, near Kenton, that he has successfully undergone an operation for appendicitis and is recovering rapidly. The operation was performed by Dr. J. J. Shuler at the Mercy Hospital at Denver. Mr. Jones will be able to return in a week or ten days. Miss Ethel Jones, who was operated upon at the same time her father was, is also improving.

Will Manage Kenton Garage

Otus Kirby, who has been with the Pioneer Garage here for some time will take charge of the Kenton Garage for Mr. Wycoff, the change in management becoming effective the first of June. Kirby went to Kenton Thursday, being driven over by Mr. Wycoff, who remained there until Friday looking over the garage business.

To Attend Commencement

R. Q. Palmer and Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Grimm left Thursday for Trinidad in the Palmer car, where they will spend Friday and attend the commencement exercises of the Trinidad High School, from which Mrs. Palmer's son, Lawrence, graduates this year. The party expect to return today, Saturday.

Gray Improving Property

Workmen have been busy all the past week on a cement wall which Tom Gray is having built around his lot opposite the lumber yard. The lot will be filled and a lawn and trees planted. The wall approaches five feet in height at the northwest corner and conforms with the street to the east and south.

Moves Back to Clayton

John Young, the blacksmith, has moved back to Clayton after a few months absence. He has been located in Mt. Dora, but has accepted a position here with the Pioneer Garage and has moved his family here.

Lorian Boggs to Las Cruces

Lorian Boggs, linotype operator for the Citizen has accepted a position with the Rio Grande Republic at Las Cruces and left for that place Monday evening. He arrived Tuesday but met with an accident almost immediately upon his arrival, having the misfortune to lose one of the fingers on his right hand. Details are lacking but it is presumed he had the finger cut off by the machinery.

Lorian's place on the Citizen will be filled by his brother, Tim, and Tim's place on the News will be filled by Chas. Hawkins, who has sold his place near Stead, and moved to Clayton.

SPECIAL TRAIN WILL CARRY 200 FANS TO TRINIDAD

Fully two hundred base ball fans will witness the third game between the local boys and the Trinidad Eagles at Central Park, in Trinidad, next Sunday, when a special train of three or more coaches will carry the team and their loyal supporters to Trinidad.

The time of departure is not yet announced but it is thought the special will leave here about six o'clock and arrive in Trinidad shortly after eleven, giving plenty of time for lunch. Leaving Trinidad after the game the special will arrive in Clayton shortly before midnight.

The fare will be one fare for the round trip, or less, and practically every one in Clayton will take advantage of the low rate and the special to attend the game.

The local team is being strengthened and reorganized by the addition of new players and placing the old ones in more suitable positions and word from Trinidad is to the effect that Manager Gessolini and Captain Martin, of the Eagles, are trying out every available player they can locate in hope to put their team in shape to defeat the Clayton team.

Manager George, of the local aggregation, has signed Zeke Seiber, said to be one of the fastest short stops in the Oklahoma State league. He is expected to arrive in Clayton the first of the week. Tentative offers are out for other players and Clayton will go to Trinidad with one of the fastest semi-pro teams in New Mexico.

Clayton Won Wednesday

In a hot and run game, Wednesday, the local boys defeated the Eagles and took revenge for their defeat at the hands of the same team the day before, in large measures.

As the local stickers found the grove of Day's wide and fast out, which the Trinidad boys experienced difficulty in controlling, they piled up run after run until Captain Martin was compelled to put Bill Lynch on the mound.

Bill proved pie for his former team mates and a riot of hits, and some poor fielding on the part of the Eagle's infield added to the elevation of the score. The batting average of every Clayton player has climbed skyward as the result of the misjudgment of Captain Martin.

Morton, for the locals, pitched a better game than was expected, it being his second game in two days, and held the visitors to a few scattered hits.

The score by innings:

Clayton	0 2 5	7 2 0	0 4	13	15	4
Trinidad	0 0 2	0 0 0	2 0	4	12	0

Eagles Took Tuesday's Game

Playing like clock works, advancing every man by the use of sacrifice hits, and playing inside base ball like a major league team, the Eagles took the first game of the series by a score of 3 to 10.

Shoemaker, on the mound for the southpaw against right handed hitters and bowled but eight hits, while seven of Clayton's stickers reached in vain for the drop that put the ball just where it wasn't wanted in time to allow the bat several inches leeway in connecting.

The defeat of the local boys was partly due to poor fielding but they played the game all the way thru and never gave it up in spite of the discouragement of an overwhelming score.

The score by innings:

Trinidad	0 2 0	5 1 1	0 0 1	10	13	1
Clayton	0 0 0	1 0 0	0 2 0	3	8	9

The Dalhart Game

High wind, a sand swept outfield, and hard luck in fielding during the first two innings defeated the Clayton team at Dalhart last Sunday afternoon.

Facing a forty mile gale, more or less, and with their eyes full of stinging sand the Clayton boys did their best to field the long high fliers Dalhart's batters at the head of the

CELEBRATE 4th AT CLAPHAM

Residents of Prosperous Community Invite All County To Spend Independence Day on Banks of Pinabetas Creek

Clapham is planning a two days celebration for July fourth and fifth, to which every resident of Union county is invited. There will be races, horse and foot, a broncho busting contest, egg race and fire works and all the things that go to make up a safe and sane, or insane Fourth of July Celebration.

Clapham is one of the many beauty spots of the county. It is located south of Clayton, on the Pinabetas Creek, where there is an abundance of shade and clear cold running water. If you don't want to just loaf around or join in the sports of the day you can go fishing. The managers of the celebration guarantee all who attend a good time, but come on the fish. You gotta catch 'em yourself, and furnish your bait.

Refreshments, both food and soft drinks, will be for sale at the grove and there will be a large open air platform for the dances which will be held both afternoons and nights.

Ten Fords Is Week's Quota

Ten Fords have been delivered by the Pioneer Garage during the two weeks just past. The new owners of cars are A. S. Palmer, Happy Snodgrass, Cal Carter, of Kenton, Alva Barnes, Clayton, Robert Ley, Seneca, A. H. Wells, Clayton, A. R. Hysa, Sedan and Lucindo Casados of Reyes.

A carload of the 'popular cars' were unloaded Wednesday night and one Thursday and another car is expected in the first of the week.

Isaacs Receives Wire and Nails

The clerks at Bob Isaacs' have been busy, if possible during the past few days unloading the summer supply of fencing and nails that arrived the latter part of the week. They have unloaded 2 cars of wire fencing, barbed and woven, a car load of nails and builders supplies and a car load of wagons during the three days just passed.

Vito Miera Graduates

Vito M. Miera, son of Corsetta Miera, of this city, was one of the 1916 graduates from the Christian Brothers College, at St. Joe, Missouri, which he has been attending for the past few years. Commencement exercises, according to the St. Joe News Press, were held the 22nd of May. Miera stood very near the head of his class and his friends are naturally proud of his record as a student. He will return to Clayton in a few days.

Will Make Home in Clayton

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ratcliff moved into town from their ranch and will make their home in the city during the summer. They are occupying one of George Wade's houses.

Kenton Party Visit Here

J. B. Ratcliff and Mrs. Ratcliff, Mrs. Hattie Hawk and Miss Belta Taylor, of Kenton, spent the first three days of this week visiting in Clayton.

list succeeded in connecting with Morton's fast drop and lifting the ball into the air for hits that under other circumstances would have been fielded easily.

The Texans ran in a total of ten scores the first two innings, and while Clayton tightened up as the wind died down, the handicap was too large to overcome, and the game was lost by four runs, the final score being thirteen to nine.

The score by innings:

Clayton	0 0 0	0 0 5	0 0 4	9	6	7
Dalhart	4 5 0	0 3 0	0 1	13	17	8

Summary—Three base hits, Kerr, Lynch, Page, Walker; First on balls, off Page 1, off Morton 1; First base on errors, Clayton 8, Dalhart, 4; Two base hits, Thompson, Faswell; Home runs, Morton; Struck out, by Morton 6, by Page 8; Double plays, Moore to Kerr to Kaiser; Passed ball Hatchett; Hit by pitcher, Thompson McFadden.

YEAKLE IS PROBABLY SAFELY OUT OF COUNTRY

That Alex Yeakle, horsethief and jail breaker, has made good his escape is the belief of local officers who have been on his trail ever since he broke jail Wednesday night, and who have returned to the city after a futile search for the man near the Colorado line.

Rumors of all sorts are afloat on the streets. Some have seen the escaping jail breaker in the south, some in the west and some to the north. At the present writing his whereabouts seem to be as little known as those of Villa, the artful.

Friday night it was rumored that he had been seen to enter the Colbert canon, near the Colorado line, and a posse started for that place this morning but to the time of going to press, have not reported. Thursday night a horse was stolen from Paul Hunter, about two miles south of town, and reports reached the city yesterday to the effect that Yeakle had taken the horse, ridden all Thursday night and was in hiding some sixty miles south of town.

This is hardly likely, according to the officers, as it is more probable that Yeakle will head for the breaks of the Cimarron or endeavor to reach friends in the country known as the Picketwire canon country. Should he reach this rugged section of southern Colorado, where Black Jack so successfully eluded pursuit for so many years, he is probably safe for some time as it is practically impossible to find a man hidden there unless he is betrayed by a friend, and friends of Yeakle, the officers believe, are not that kind.

The jail break Wednesday night was a daring one, and apparently successful for Yeakle. It was not premeditated but the jumping at an unusual opportunity.

Deputy Elosio Martinez, having fed the prisoners in the jail, placed the three, Yeakle among them, occupying the lower tier in their cells. He threw the bolts, as is customary and went to the upper tier to lock the four cells there. For some reason the bolt locking the three lower cells failed to work and the three prisoners confined in those cells discovered it immediately.

Carefully slipping from their cells they made for the door. Reaching the door they were discovered by Martinez who jumped from the upper corridor to the ground floor and opened fire on the closest running figure, Yeakle. At the second shot Yeakle dropped to the ground. Martinez, supposing him dead or injured turned his attention to the other runner making rapidly for the darkness near the Akin store. Martinez ordered him to halt, which he did.

Returning the prisoner to the jail Martinez went to look for the man he had injured or dead, but Yeakle was not there, nor has he been seen nor heard of to this hour.

While Martinez was after the escaping pair the third prisoner attempted to leave the jail but was forced back by Mrs. Crumley, who having heard the shots rushed to the scene with a rifle. She found the third prisoner just emerging from the door and told him to get back. He complied with the request after sizing up the situation and is still comfortably quartered in the jail.

Officers all over the country have been notified of the escape of Yeakle and local officers have not given up the chase by any means, so it is probably only a matter of a few days until he is re-taken.

Popular Land Man Takes Bride

Ira L. Penninston, one of the most popular and best known men in Union county and Mrs. Mildred Evans, were married in Amarillo Wednesday. The trip to Amarillo was made in the groom's new Ford and without accident. The newly weds returned to Clayton Thursday and will make this their home.