



## Local and Personal



Col. Lewis is back on his run as conductor after a 60 days vacation.

Muirhead & Co. have been busily engaged this week in taking an inventory of stock.

M. C. Mechem left Monday night for El Paso on business, returning Thursday.

U. S. Commissioner J. V. Gallegos is in town from Conant to spend New Year's.

N. V. Gallegos and family left for Gallegos, to spend New Year's with friends and relatives.

R. L. Weatherford, with the El Paso Southwestern at Campana, was in town to spend New Year's day.

W. H. Slaughter, insurance man of El Paso, is spending a few days in Tucumcari in the interest of his business.

M. Rudolph, county superintendent of schools, who went to the ranch sick a few days returned the day after Christmas and is holding down a situation with Gross Kelly.

Wm. Hickman, bookkeeper for the Cimarron Construction Co., passed through Monday returning to Cimarron after spending the holidays at Alamogordo with home folks.

The Division of the Southwestern heretofore maintained at Santa Rosa has been changed to Duran. The materials at that point are being shipped to Tucumcari and El Paso.

Considerable new building is projected for Tucumcari within the next thirty days. A four room cottage has just been completed in the Gamble Addition and the News is informed that four more four room cottages will be erected in that addition this spring. Considerable building has been done out in that part of the city.

It has been whispered about that Tucumcari's fair damsels will shortly give a Leap Year Party to the bachelors of the town. This to be a strictly leap year affair. The lady will call for and escort the gentleman home, will provide flowers, and propose—in fact do all of the things which the young men are supposed to do. It is expected that several engagements will shortly be announced for we are advised that the campaign will be a hot one. Several of the fellows are becoming uneasy.

The masquerade ball at the skating rink New Year's night given by Mrs. Warren was a grand success. A large crowd attended and was furnished with the best of music. The judges, C. H. Chenault, Bonito Baca and J. M. Putman, awarded the prizes to Mrs. Rucker and Joe Weithem for the best costumes, Mrs. Ruuck-

er represented an Indian girl and played her part well, while Joe played the part of a Montana cowboy. At twelve o'clock the crowd departed well pleased with the dance.

A movement is on foot to provide a volunteer fire department for Tucumcari. The water-works system is now completed in the fire limits and for some distance beyond and it is imperative that fire protection should be provided. A large number of our business men have expressed themselves heartily in favor of the movement.

A grand ball was given at the court house by Professor Frazier and wife New Year's eve, and a large party of young folks of the town watched the old year depart and the advent of 1908. Splendid music was provided and a jolly time was had. The dance lasted some little time into 1908. About 9:30 o'clock lights were snuffed by some reason at power house which caused much amusement among the dancers who seemed very much disinclined to quit. In fact continued dancing by light of matches furnished by a few gentle-

men not dancing. A prize waltz was put on just before midnight which proved to be a hard contest for the judges to judge three couples, Mr. and Mrs. Chenault who finally won by their smooth and graceful dancing, Bert Littleton and Miss Anna Mae DeYampert, T. J. Finnegan and Miss Kittie Jones. The prize was a very pretty little silver card tray. The judges were Mrs. J. R. Spencer, Mrs. Smith Mrs. Beckman. Little Miss Bell ten years old won the prize of a bottle of perfume and Ambrose won the prize of a box of silk handkerchiefs for being the most advanced pupils in the dancing class. Very nice music was furnished by C. C. Hazel and Fik Gillman.

W. N. Jennings of Montoya spent a day in Tucumcari on business.

Wm. Tompkins brother of the engineer Ed Tompkins of this city, is here from Old Mexico for a short visit.

S. F. Salyers returned from a visit to his parents in Windsor, Mo., Sunday; he spent the holidays with the old folks at home and had a very pleasant trip. He visited a sister at Sedalia, Mo., enroute to Tucumcari. Since reaching home he has moved into his new five room residence on the homestead northeast of town.

Louis Yaseen spent New Year at Dalhart.

J. W. Cecil of Dalhart visited Tucumcari.

Earnest Kapke of Dalhart spent a day in town on business.

T. C. Hill of Texhoma visited Tucumcari.

Dr. Manney reports a new girl at the home of C. T. Adair.

Andy Weist of Cuervo, is in town on business today. Weist says the country around Cuervo is rapidly filling up with homesteaders.

C. S. Williams, an attorney at law of Plainview, Texas is in town on business for the First National Bank of that place.

Wm. Hickman, manager of the Cimarron Construction Company, passed through Monday enroute home from Alamogordo where he had spent the holidays with his parents.

V. V. Sebastian of St. Louis, Mo., has been here for about three weeks looking over the situation with a view of locating. He is a barber and may go into business here. He said to the News reporter that he had some transportation to sell as he did not care to return to Missouri. He took round trip transportation and now he is going to let some one else use it back home.



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