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OUR GENERAL ROUNDUP

Something About Our Towns and
Business Men.

A RESUME OF ADVERTISERS IN
THIS EDITION

It was our intention at the outset in this edition of the News to simply make it a flat advertising edition of the paper, the same as a folder or other advertising mediums without any reference to subscribers, but our advertising patronage has gone so far beyond our expectations that we have decided to give them the benefit of our circulation in the county which amounts to more than 1000 this week. Now, it is our intention in this article to give a brief description of the towns of the county and something about their business men and professional men and our officials.

OFFICIAL ROSTER

Hon. N. V. Gallegos, representative of the counties of Guadalupe and Quay, 8th legislative district, resides in this city, is a very capable business man, and a politician whose influence must be considered in the affairs of the republican party of his district and in the Territory. He is the son of I. V. Gallegos, a well-to-do stockman, of Las Vegas, and married the daughter of Eugenio Romero, Clerk of the District Court of San Miguel county, and a very wealthy and influential republican politician, also a resident of Las Vegas. Gallegos is less than thirty years old, speaks, reads and writes English and Spanish, and is considered one of a number of Tucumcari's progressive business men.

J. A. Street, sheriff of the county, now serving his third term, has been sheriff ever since the county was created, and has lived in this section of New Mexico for a number of years, and previous to his official life was engaged in the cattle business. Mr. Street is a very modest gentleman, but we learn from a few leading questions that to him probably more than any one man belongs the distinction of locating Tucumcari where the city stands today. In early times

here before the Rock Island reached the Canadian river, the water service corps were leading the construction outfits fifteen to twenty miles, and after the drillers had sunk a dry hole into the earth here for a depth of 200 feet without water, Street, who was watching developments rode up to the derrick after the foreman of the water service had pulled off the working force and had ordered the derrick removed, suggested that he believed a little more depth would reach the water stratum. The drillers informed him that they had reached a depth of 200 feet and were in hard joint clay without any prospect of water. Street remarked that he would give up a hundred dollars to see the drill go another fifty feet. This caused a brain leak to drop from the shaggy pate of the foreman of the water service and the other fifty feet went down, and a fine flow of water was struck at less than the distance asked by Street. A courier was sent back to the end of the track bearing information that plenty of water was at hand for engines and track was laid into this point at once. The new town had already been formed before the first engine ran into what is now Tucumcari. The ground was platted and tent business houses, hotels, etc were open and doing business. Street became owner in the townsite and has from that day until this been one of our leading citizens. His term of office will expire in January, 1909.

Then we come down the line to Probate Judge R. L. Patterson, whose career in the life of Tucumcari is now well known history. He was in among the first, and today owns one of the best improved and most valuable farms in the county, joining the townsite on the northeast. Mr. Patterson was elected probate judge last year by an overwhelming majority, and has entered upon the duties of his office in a way that assures the people he is a man of integrity and capability.

R. P. Donohoo, the genial and courteous probate clerk, was for several years manager of the Rock Island Eating House at this place, and is well known among our people as a valuable citizen and a proficient official.

Our tax assessor stands alone as a character of his own. Sam Chadwick, the honest Irishman, whose word is his bond, who rides the plains of Quay county in the nighttime in order to comply with the obligation he took to honestly administer the affairs of his office. Chadwick is everything officially that the name assessor implies.

Our school superintendent of Quay county has made an enviable record in his untiring efforts to advance the cause of education in Quay county. Milnor Rudolph has created two-thirds of the school districts of the county and visits

every school in his county at regular periods. He is diligent and careful in the conduct of his office and is a worthy official.

The board of county commissioners, of whom J. M. Hodges is chairman, are capable and worthy citizens, and representative men among those who are helping to build up a new country and a new town. Mr. Hodges is an ex-member of the Tennessee legislature, his native state, is thoroughly acquainted with the public affairs of his adopted home, Quay county. Messrs Batson and Darnell, his fellow members, are well-to-do stockmen of Quay county and able seconds to the ability of their chief.

TOWNS OF THE COUNTY

It is necessary to call attention to the fact that Quay is a new county, and these towns outside of Tucumcari are in the embryo, but every one of them are growing and the country around them settling rapidly.

Montoya is on the Rock Island, second station west of Tucumcari, and is growing as fast as building material and carpenters can make it. The Montoya Townsite Co., is taking care of the real estate business, and have sold many hundred dollars worth of town lots during the past ten months. Kohn Bros., the builders of this new city are New Yorkers and know how to do something for the community while they are making money for themselves. This firm has done a very profitable general merchandising business, and are now establishing a bank. Schools and churches are represented. The town has a very rich agricultural section surrounding it and the stock industry has flourished there for three quarters of a century. Kohn Brothers will furnish descriptive literature to any who desire a detailed description of that locality.

Quay is a new town, 20 miles south of Tucumcari, just platted and laid off into town lots, has already, school, churches, telephone system, etc. Ask T. L. Welch for literature descriptive of this new city. Address him at Tucumcari, N. M. Care of Trust & Savings Bank.

Puerto is on the survey of the railway extension from Texico to Tucumcari, and is in a rich agricultural and stock belt of the Southwest, and has a store, post office, blacksmith shop and a number of very comfortable homes. A corporation, the Puerto Townsite Co., is pushing the development of this community, and town lots, for both business and residence purposes are being purchased and improved. The country is settling as fast as the homeseeker can get onto the lands. The surrounding country is well timbered, has an abundance of water at shallow depths, and the country is prospering. Fred Walther, the founde

and pioneer merchant and postmaster, is a member of this company and will answer any question the prospective investor may choose to ask. Address him at Puerto, N. M. Wright & Sherwood of Tucumcari are also interested in this enterprise and will answer inquiries from their office in this city.

Dodson, near the center, is also an enterprising new town, with advantages equal to any of the others as to agriculture and stock raising. Also Lloyd, Moore, Norton, House and others in central and southern Quay county are all growing communities.

Grady is among the youngest of these southern Quay county towns and is like Puerto, located on the prospective extension from Texico to Tucumcari, and is the half-way station on the Melrose-Tucumcari automobile line, which is now building a road over the Cap Rock of the plains for the purpose of getting into this city. Grady has grown like a mushroom, having in the three months of its existence a half dozen business houses and other improvements that are incident to such growth. The townsite, we believe, is owned by the Hartford Development Company, who are going to build a good town there within the year.

Endee is on the line of the Choctaw extension, 40 miles east of Tucumcari, and has been for years the banner stock region of the plains. Farms are now in evidence all around it and the homeseeker is filling it up as rapidly as claims can be located and homes built. E. E. Hedgecock, the U. S. Commissioner there, W. M. Wharton, real estate, Dever & Son, real estate, will answer any communications the inquiring public may choose to ask them about the country.

On the Rock Island in the northern part of the county, is Logan and Nara Visa, both of which are good, young towns, with splendid stock and farming country adjacent. At Logan is McFarland Brothers, Reinkin Co., Gross, Kelly & Co., all large mercantile houses, and they are doing a splendid business, in fact every line is represented. The town is prosperous.

Nara Visa, which one year ago was only a railroad station, is at this time one of the busiest points on the north of us in New Mexico, and has doubled two or three times in population during the past year. Willard Belknap, U. S. Land Commissioner, is largely responsible for the booming of this splendid town. He opened an office and began advertising the advantages of that locality last winter, and this spring and summer has been unable to take care of the business he has created in land. Nara Visa has any number of substantial business houses, hotels, two live