

## ALDERMEN CALL ELECTION FOR LAST DAY OF JUNE TO VOTE ON SEWERAGE ISSUE

Preliminary Arrangements Completed and Tucumcari's Sanitary Sewerage System Began to Take Definite Shape. Mains to Run Through All Streets

### LARGE MAJORITY WILL CARRY THE ISSUE

In another place in this issue of the News appears a notice of election which is to be called by the city council to be held on Wednesday, June 30th, for the purpose of voting one hundred thousand dollars in bonds to be used in the construction of a sanitary sewerage system in the city. The notice and also the resolutions passed by the aldermen at last Wednesday's meeting gives full information concerning the polling places, with a list of judges and clerks of election.

The sewerage question has been under consideration ever since the present board went into office and it began to take definite shape about the first of the year when the preliminary arrangements were commenced. The entire city has been surveyed by city engineer, Aber, and the survey shows that the mains will run in streets running north and south with small mains intersecting in the cross streets. This will give every piece of property in the city access to the sewerage system, by going a very few feet from the property line.

The consensus of opinion of the citizens of Tucumcari seems to be unanimously in favor of the sewerage as was ascertained by the News two weeks ago in brief interviews with most of the business men. There have been occasional persons who did not fully understand the issue, however, and the News has made a special endeavor to reach these in order to explain at length the points they did not understand.

The question frequently brought up is the disposition of the waste, and when it was learned that all sewerage will be deposited in what is known as the Silver Lake bed, some few have wondered whether this was not too close to the city. This matter has been fully discussed by the board of aldermen and they are convinced through expert information that a sewer tank

will destroy all damaging substances that the sewerage from this city could cast off in fifty years.

This tank will be a part of the sewerage system and since it is known that the water coming from one of these tanks is even cleaner than the water used in many cities, several parties are already planning to get control of the waste water for irrigation purposes.

Tucumcari's sewerage system is to be one of the most modern in the west and will be amply large enough to take care of the city when it grows to many times the present size. The taxes will not be raised more than one dollar and twenty-five cents a year for every twenty-five front feet of property, and this disposes of the question of taxation. People will be compelled to install sewerage on their premises from an economic point of view if from no other reason, since the increase of taxes will be much cheaper than the expenses of cleaning cesspools and closets.

Another question sometimes asked is on the water source for the system. Some have thought that the city would be compelled to raise over the water works to get the supply. The sewerage system will be supplied with flush tanks and water of its own, all a part of the sewerage system but strictly a different proposition from the city water works.

As explained in the notice the bonds are to be obtained under the federal act and voters will be limited to only persons owning taxable property in the city. The election will be held under all the regulations of regular city elections.

The issue will be void unless carried by a majority of two thirds of the voters yet there is no doubt but that the issue will be carried by an almost unanimous vote, since the citizens here know too well what a sewerage system

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## FORCE COMMENCES TO WORK ON CUT

Several Loads of Dynamite and Little Cars Sent to Scene.

The center of work on the line of construction on the Tucumcari and Memphis, this week has been at the large cut seventeen miles east of this city. With the exception of the Cap Rock section this will be one of the most difficult portions of the grade to complete. Over fifty small cars had to be sent to the scene to remove the rocks to neighboring hills. A great deal of dynamite was used there also this week to loosen the rocks and make the work possible.

The construction force has been considerably increased this week, and while no rails will be laid from this end of the line for four months yet, according to the latest decision of the company, the entire grade will be completed by the time for the laying of the steel.

When rail laying is commenced in August most of the work will be done at this end of the line since steel laying at the other end has gone almost as far as is intended before work on this is commenced.

Trains will be running between Tucumcari and Esdee by the first of September, though the entire road may not be completed before the first of January.

## LODGE AT MONTOVA.

An I. O. O. F. lodge was instituted at Montova last night and started out with a large charter membership. A number of the members of Tucumcari No. 18, were present and assisted in the initiation ceremonies. A banquet was served to the guests after adjournment and a high old time was had by the visitors. The Montova boys know how to entertain. They are hospitable to a fault, and a higher grade of western manhood can't be found on the map. The editor knows, because he was one of those said visitors.

The Knights of Pythias will elect officers at their meeting next Wednesday night.

## TUCUMCARI'S NEW STEAM LAUNDRY MAY BE COMPLETED BEFORE DATE

Work on Tucumcari's new steam laundry is making rapid headway and already the floor and foundation has been laid and the walls commenced. The building is to be completed by June first but owing to the rapid construction it is probable the contractors will get a premium for completing the building ahead of time.

The old boiler and stack have been overhauled by H. S. Brickley and are now as good as new. The damages to this was only light.

The new machinery is arriving and

## JUDGES WILL BE ASSIGNED SOON

Few Changes are Expected in the Coming Assignment of Judges.

The New Mexico Supreme court will convene in special session in Santa Fe June 11, according to a call issued by Chief Justice Mills, for the purpose of assigning the judges to the several districts. It is generally understood that no changes are proposed in the present assignments of the judges, and that the only changes made will be such alterations in district lines as will allow the new seventh district, which includes Socorro and Grant counties, under the act of congress creating it. It is expected that Judge Mechem will be assigned to this district with headquarters in Socorro, and that Judge Conley will go to the Alamogordo district. It is understood that Curry county may be attached to the Alamogordo district and Torrance county attached to Santa Fe.

## JAIL BIRDS WORK.

The Quay County jail birds were put to work Tuesday morning cleaning the court house yard preparatory to the planting of trees and a lawn. All the members of the board of commissioners are in favor of beautifying the court house premises and the lawn and trees will be set out at once, even though it is a little late in the season for the grass to get a heavy growth this year.

## LOOMIS APPOINTED.

At the last meeting of the board of aldermen the office of assistant city engineer and inspector was created and given to E. R. Loomis, who is well known in Tucumcari. It was the duty of the assistant to advise with the engineer and pass on all building permits. He will also pass on all electrical wiring to be done in the city here after and inspect all buildings before they can be occupied.

## MATRONS CONTEST FOR PRETTY MEDAL

Mrs. Eva Browning Wins Ladies' Declaration Contest Monday Night.

### FIVE CONTESTANTS

Reed Holloman Presents Medal with a Medal Winning Speech.

Mrs. Eva Browning was the winner of the Matrons' Medal Declaration Contest, which was under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the Baptist Church last Monday night. The contest was presided over by Rev. L. C. Brooks, who presided on the occasion. The exercises consisted of singing, scripture reading by Rev. Taggart, and the invocation by Rev. Brooks.

There were five contestants entered, these being Mrs. J. H. Eady, Mrs. J. A. Porter, Mrs. Rusby, Mrs. Eva Browning and Mrs. J. E. Manney. All of the declamations were on temperance themes composed by well known temperance writers and lecturers, and were delivered in a manner that created an atmosphere of thought and earnestness.

None of the pieces were especially long yet the temperance ground was covered. The judges of the contest were, Atty. Keator, S. T. Hopkins and L. E. Laake. During the retirement for decision the following little program was carried out. Puno Solo, by Miss Brent Kertz, Vocal Solo, by W. H. Bryner, and an address on the subjects of the W. C. T. U. organization, by Mrs. Golden. This address was instructive and educative and filled all the members of the organization with pride in their work.

A neat sum was realized through a collection which was taken by Rev. McBride.

At the conclusion of the program, Reed Holloman was requested to announce the decision of the judges and to award the medal. Mr. Holloman's speech was short yet one of the most pleasant features of the evening, and the awarding of the medal was followed by a roar of applause from every quarter of the large house.

Mrs. Browning was considered by all as clearly the winner of the contest, though Mrs. Rusby was a close second. All the declamations were delivered well, however, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one.

The judges were requested to award

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## PAID FIVE DOLLARS FOR A COW'S BELL

Small Boys Defy Curfew Whistle and Make Five Dollars.

NO FOUR FLUSHER

The curfew law in Tucumcari which sends minors home at seven forty-five is considered by the townspeople as a good one and so well it is observed that when the whistle blows it is taken as a signal for the patter of little feet hitting the high places around the corner.

But boys will be boys and occasionally break the curfew law so to make their biographies interesting and to break the monotony of things. And so it came about one night this week that several of the coming generation, who wore arm and hammer soda caps and go barefooted during the summer months defied the whistle and made five dollars by so doing.

Theladines were sent on a flight of stone steps wondering what devilment they could develop when they heard the jangle of a cow bell which was continual as the cow browsed in a vacant lot near by. Somebody else heard it too, an old gentleman who had a room in the neighborhood and he came out on the balcony of a second story in his night clothes and addressed the cow in words both strange and strenuous, as concluded his benediction by saying, "and I'd give five dollars for the bell, gosh darn you."

The boys were not long in grasping the situation. They caught the cow and made fresh jangle which called for a lot of talk from the bed room. Then they waited for the old gentleman to get to sleep and marched up to his room and knocked on the door. He asked, in the name of creation, who was at the door at that time of night and what they wanted.

The youngsters said they had brought him the bell but the man had forgotten his promise whereat they jangled the instrument to quicken his memory. Then he asked what blankety blank bell the condemned villainians meant. They jangled it again and told him they had heard him offer five dollars for the bell and so procured it for him.

By this time the old citizen was awoken and proved that he had humor in his bones for acknowledging that he had been outdone he came to the door, took the bell and gave the boys five dollars. He is no four flusher.

## TREASURER GOES AFTER THE MONEY

C. H. Chenault Delivers List of Taxable Property to Curry.

### FEW TAXPAYERS

Quay Gives Eleven Hundred Dollars of Property for Twenty Thousand

C. H. Chenault, the treasurer of this county, will leave Monday morning for Clovis, where he is taking the division report, as per writ of mandamus, in which he turns over to the treasurer of Curry county a list of all the taxable property which was voted to Curry when the county was created out of the southern tier of this county and a portion of Roosevelt.

Treasurer Chenault completed his report last Thursday and it shows the following: One hundred and forty seven tax payers were transferred to the new county in addition to ten bonded claims with unknown owners. The total amount of taxes collectable is \$1,178, 4297 of this has already been paid and the balance due Curry county and collectable is \$881.76.

Quay county delivered this to Curry county in accordance with the bill of county division which was passed at the recent session of the legislature and in recompense receives twenty thousand dollars. Curry county raised the twenty thousand by a bond issue. The bonds have already been sold and the money is in Clovis awaiting treasurer Chenault's arrival.

### JUDGES OFFICE.

Two of the upstairs rooms at the court house were finished this week and now in use. One is to be the office of the probate judge and the other will be used for the grand jury room. Judge Cutlip moved into his office the latter part of the week.

## FIREMEN RECEIVE PAY FOR SERVICES

Two Checks are Donated as Tokens of Appreciation of Good Work.

### MORE EQUIPMENT

Hereafter the volunteer firemen will be paid for the services they render at fires. This was decided at a meeting of the department last Tuesday night when a motion to the effect that one dollar an hour be paid for services was made and carried. This is to reimburse all firemen for the time lost from their other duties.

Chief Daugherty reported that he had received a check for one hundred dollars and another for fifty from W. F. Holloman and T. A. Muirhead as tokens of appreciation for the excellent service rendered by the firemen during the fire in the First National Bank building. This money will be added to the firemen's fund, which was established some time ago for the purpose of replacing any personal goods lost by firemen during services.

The committee on By-Laws reported several changes which were passed as recommended. The committee on new equipment reported that several yards of new hose and other material had been ordered and would be shipped in a few days. This will add considerably to the equipment already in use and to the fire protection of the city.

E. F. Dunn and Lewis Yussen were elected to membership and the clerk instructed to notify them to report to the chief for assignment of positions. A complete rearrangement of the working force was made and practice will be had at regular intervals in the future.

### WATER AND SEWERAGE

Quay county court house has been considerably improved by the recent installation of water and sewerage in the jail and other departments where they have been lacking since the completion of the building six years ago.

## TRADITIONAL BIZ IN LAND OFFICE

On account of the rush at the local land office this week no land notices will be sent out for publication. Several persons have made application to prove up but applications made this week will not be published until next week.

The passage of the Three-twenty acre law caused a rush of business in the land office which set them behind a little on account of the absence of two clerks.

After next week it is believed all land notices will be published shortly after the application is made.

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## RELATING NEWS IN RAILROAD ROUNDS

Work on Dawson Extension to Begin First of Next Month.

### SURVEY FROM CLOVIS

The Santa Fe Wants a Station and Town at Norton.

Tucumcari has not been without some lively railroad talk, and prospects this week. Most outside reports have come in but have not been officially confirmed yet though it is possible they will be in a few days.

The most reliable information is that hinted at in the News two weeks ago in connection with the extension of the El Paso and Southwestern from Dawson to Trinidad. The old grade was established two years ago and this has been gone over recently and re-surveyed.

That the actual work of construction will begin next month, there seems to be little doubt in the minds of those who are in a position to know the facts. This will give Tucumcari a rough passenger and freight service with Trinidad and Denver and all other Colorado cities.

### Santa Fe Reports.

Other elating reports are concerning the construction of the Santa Fe from Clovis to Tucumcari. Rumors come that surveying corps have left Clovis and are working this way via Norton. The reports are confirmed in a measure by Mr. Welch of Norton, who was in the city last week.

Mr. Welch informs the citizens that he has been in communication with the Santa Fe officials in regard to a townsite and station at Norton. The proposition made him to date is that the station will be built on his farm if he will plat the same and give the railroad company every other lot. Mr. Welch said he was holding out for giving every fourth lot but had no answer to the proposition as yet.

The Ware Construction Company, who has the contract to build the Tucumcari and Memphis line have made a bid for a portion of the Santa Fe building out of Lubbock toward Texico.

A refreshing rain of five one hundredths of an inch fell over this country last Tuesday night and added cubits to the height of city lawns. One man claims that his grew two inches the next day after the rain and another tells that it opened the buds on his rose bushes.

## FRIGHTFUL BEAST IN DREARY WILDS

Terrible Skulwanger Gives Hunters a Thrilling Adventure.

### EATS BULLS A LIVE

A fearful monstrosity of the animal kingdom which would cause even the bold heart of T. Roosevelt to quake was encountered by some hunters in Poni Canyon near Cimarron a few days ago, a creature that would make the Boggle and the Wog and the Gantlin, the Snail, the Snake and the Smokey look like some cats. The terrible experience of the hunters is thus told in the Cimarron City news:

One of the most dreadful and harrowing experiences that could ever have happened to mankind is reported as happening among the mountain wilds at the head of Poni Canyon above Cimarron. The story runs as follows: One of the legends of old or like one of Grimm's fairy tales, but being vouched for by Messrs. L. A. Kaidler and Nat. U. H. Parker, considered by all who know them to be men whose words are as good as their bonds, the experience is without equal, and is well worth noting.

The two men were looking for stray horses in the upper Poni region, and were riding along a deep and narrow canyon about sunset as they advanced they noticed a most peculiar and of fensive odor, which grew stronger as they advanced. Their horses became uneasy and at last almost unmanageable, showing every sign of great fear. At last the trembling horses refused to go any further and the two men proceeded on foot determined to see what was ahead of them. In speaking of the matter Mr. Kaidler said: "We took our guns with us and went along with great care to make as little noise as possible. The smell grew stronger and more powerful. It was the kind of smell that makes you sick at your stomach; that kind of permeating smell that comes from everywhere at once. Soon we heard a noise that was a sort of half howl and half moan, ending off with a shrill scream like a hurt baby. When the howl began it rumbled and shook like heavy thunder. When we turned the corner of a cliff, we saw a sight that nearly

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## ALL STATES ARE ASKED TO JOIN IN INVENTORIES OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In Proposed Outline Committee Takes Up General Divisions in Most Minute Detail to Offer Suggestions in Answer to Letters Previously Received

### SUGGESTS TATSSES BEGIN WITH INQUIRIES

Inventories of the national resources of every state and territory are now proposed in a plan just announced by the joint committee on conservation in Albuquerque. The joint committee is national headquarters for the conservation movement with its offices in the Wyatt building.

Not only that, but all of the forty right big national organizations now working with the joint committee through their conservation committees are to be asked to help, each in its own special field.

The plan contemplates the practical application by the states and national organizations of the conservation principles declared by the governors and presidents of the great national organizations in their notable conference at the White House a year ago. Letters explaining the plan have been sent out to the chairmen of the official conservation commissions which the governors of thirty-eight states have appointed, and letters to the national organizations will follow. The list of conservation commissions is constantly growing and the national organization co-operating with the joint committee are the National Board of Trade, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Federation of Labor, the National Council of Commerce, and others representing all the great national resources of the country.

The plan for co-operation by the states and national organizations was proposed by the governors and the representatives of national organizations themselves. Details have been worked out by the joint committee on conservation, which they established at their second conference in Albuquerque last December. Meeting with the governors in that conference were state conservation commissions, conservation committees and representa-

tives of national organizations, and the National Conservation Commission. Both President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft took part.

The joint committee has been at work on this plan since March, when it took up the work of the National Conservation Commission, which was prohibited from continuing its work under the government by the Taft amendment to the sundry civil act. On account of the varied natural resources a general plan was applied to the whole country rather than to any state or section or to any one class of resources. The joint committee suggests early meetings of the state conservation commissions to take up, first the most pressing conservation problems in the respective states. For instance, in Louisiana it is the terrible waste of natural gas, which the state conservation commission is already trying to stop. In Oregon, a pressing question has been water power, which is also a leading issue just now in Michigan and Wisconsin. In many states it is the forest question. The question of the conservation of water power takes a front rank in a great many states, and it is becoming more and more of a general issue.

In suggesting inventories of state resources, the plan calls for definite statements as to "what we have, where it is, what we use and waste, and what we need to do." The joint committee suggests to the state commissions that the natural resources be classed so far as practicable under five general heads: (1) Water resources, (2) Forest resources, (3) Land resources, and (4) Mineral resources, and considered in relation to (5) Public health. The statement of conditions as to state resources are to comprise not only natural and commercial resources, such as quantity, distribution, rate of production, cost and profit of operation, trans-

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## TODAY THE DAY TO CLEAN CITY

Scrap Pile Will Resemble the Ruins of Messina ere Night

Although Tucumcari has very few soldiers graves to decorate on Memorial day the citizens are not lax in their care of them and the day will be observed here with all the solemnity and tenderness incident to the occasion. Owing to the fact, though, that Decoration day comes on Sunday, Monday has been set aside as Memorial day and then the regular services will be held at the cemetery.

Not only the homes of the dead will be decorated but Mayor Street has issued a proclamation setting aside today as cleaning up day in order to decorate the homes of the living and make them pleasant and beautiful before Decoration day.

Cleaning up day is becoming one of the most pleasant and wholesome holidays that citizens can observe and the officials here are anxious to see the general public take hold of the day and co-operate with them in keeping the city clean and beautiful.

Scavenger wagons were out early this morning to gather the rubbish from the back yards and alleys and every one will have a chance to dispose of all useless articles now laying around in the way at home.

Already several loads of trash have been consigned to the scrap heap and at the present rate there is no doubt that the city dump pile will resemble the ruins of Messina, directly after the earthquake, while Tucumcari will be like unto the city of Rome when Augustus left it a city of marble.

### NEW CROSSING.

Owing to the danger of the old railroad crossing at the junction of the Rock Island and Southwestern yards, it has been closed up and a new crossing opened just a few feet east of the old coal chue. The new crossing is well graded and only has two tracks to cross while the other crossing was in danger from moving cars in two yards.

### NEW FIRE PLOUG.

Tucumcari Water Company has received four new fire hydrants which will be installed in fire ward two. The new plug, in addition to those already in the ward will make ward two quite secure from future fires.

## FEDERAL COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

ONLY ONE CASE OF LOCAL INTEREST

The May term of Federal Court convened in Alamogordo last Monday with Judge Mann presiding. Capt. D. H. Leahy of Las Vegas, the district attorney for the U. S. Court, was present and also the U. S. Marshal. The grand jury was empaneled but court was adjourned on Tuesday to await any action of the grand jury and no true bills had been returned on Wednesday. Several citizens from Tucumcari and Quay county were summoned to attend this term as witnesses or jurors.

There are no cases to come up of interest, however, except the Carr Chinese smuggling case. Carr is a conductor on the Southwestern and is charged with smuggling Chinamen into this country from old Mexico. Carr was arrested in this city last January, but has been out on a thousand dollar bond ever since.

Leo Yehsing was arrested at the same time and charged with being unlawfully in the United States. Leo is being defended by C. C. Davidson of this city.