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FARMERS' PICNIC AT EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Commercial Club to Look After Building Band Stand and Finding a Suitable Location

VARIOUS COMMITTEES CHOSEN

Arrangements Being Made For Picnic to Be Held at the Experimental Station August 15th

On Wednesday afternoon of this week the Commercial Club met and much business of importance was transacted. The band stand was considered, a committee of three appointed to confer with the ladies of the Bay View Club as to the proper location. Prof. Cordes presented a diagram of a model band stand, which would be an ornament to our town, and could be placed in the center of the street at the bank corner, which would be in view from the depot. Some seem to want a band wagon, other place it in the park. Messrs. Stewart, Hamilton and Keator were placed on the committee to look after this needed improvement.

A publicity committee consisting of Messrs. Lawson, Wasson, and Dodson, was appointed to work in conjunction with the Rock Island Railway Co., to help bring immigrants to this section and to look after various other duties.

A committee consisting of C. C. Chapman, T. A. Minkhead, and Silas May was appointed to arrange for a farmers' picnic at the Experimental Farm in the near future, to which all, especially the farmers, are to be invited. It will likely be an old-fashioned basket picnic. The Tucumcari Brass Band will no doubt be employed to furnish the music and likely there will be other attractions, such as pony races, baseball, etc.

The picnic will be given on Thursday August 15, 1912, under the auspices of the Commercial Club, and the trustees of the Experimental Farm. Don't miss it.

LOTT-KILMER

We hereby acknowledge the receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Miss May E. Lott to Mr. Charles O. Kilmer, it being solemnized at the residence of the bride in Topeka, July 24, 1912.

This happy couple have many friends in Tucumcari who join the News in wishing them a long, happy and useful life.

The Topeka State Daily Capital has the following to say of this wedding:

The wedding of Miss May Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lott, and Mr. Charles O. Kilmer, of Duran, New Mexico, which was charmingly celebrated last night at the bride's home in Highland Park, is the first wedding of any magnitude since early in June and the first event to break the dullness of society. Last night the home was cool and attractively decorated with palms and pink roses. The table in the living room and the piano were made attractive spots, with large Marie Antoinette baskets of pink sweet peas and roses. The bride looked very charming and pretty in a white gown made with a high waist, worn with a trail and trimmed in Venetian and shadow lace. The veil was caught in the hair by lilies of the valley and a bouquet of lilies of the valley, and pink roses were carried. Miss Myrtle Berry acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Carl Grant of Horton, Kansas, was the groom's attendant. The couple advanced to the altar as Miss Hazel Kilmer, sister of the groom, played the wedding march. Rev. D. A. Shutt read the ceremony, which was solemnized at 8 o'clock. Following the ceremony there was an informal reception for the relatives and friends at the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilmer will leave today for Horton, Kansas, the groom's former home, and after a short visit will leave for Duran, N. M., where Mr. Kilmer is engaged in the general merchandise business. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kilmer, Miss Hazel Kilmer and Mrs. Anna Kilmer of Horton, attended the wedding.

AN OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Donahue, Tom Donahue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donahue, Miss Nellie Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw took a pleasant trip to Ft. Bascom, in the Bell ranch, and report a good time.

GIRL KILLED, FIVE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AN AUTO SMASH

Machine Ran Into Tree Going at 20 Miles an Hour; Child's Neck Is Broken

Roswell, N. M., July 30.—Lorene Whiteman, 13, daughter of Fire Chief Whiteman, was instantly killed, two persons fatally injured, and three others seriously hurt this evening in an automobile accident in "Lovers' Lane," just east of Roswell.

The injured:

B. M. Wilkerson, skull crushed, internal injuries; may die.

Mrs. B. M. Wilkerson, internally injured, may die.

Charles Whiteman, city fire chief, left arm broken, right shoulder horribly lacerated; will recover.

Mrs. Charles Whiteman, skull crushed may die.

Mrs. Victoria Nash, bruises about head and body; extent of injuries not known.

The party had gone for a drive early in the evening through "Lovers' Lane," a famous drive arched by heavy cottonwoods which lean over the road and knit at the top. One of the big trees had split during the day and was gradually falling. The automobile passed safely under the tree going out, but before returning the heavy trunk had lowered itself nearer the ground.

Returning at dusk, the automobile was running at a rate of twenty miles an hour, with side lights only. The top of the automobile struck the tree a terrific blow, one limb of the tree breaking the girl's neck. The party was thrown out of the car in all directions. Wilkerson and Lorene Whiteman were pinned beneath the machine.

Later reports state B. M. Wilkerson, driver of the ill-fated automobile which with seven passengers on Tuesday night crashed with terrific force into a huge fallen tree, expired at the hospital Thursday morning shortly after one o'clock, making the second fatality as a result of the accident.

Mrs. Wilkerson and Mrs. Rash, who together with Mr. Wilkerson were being cared for at the hospital, are not in a serious condition, but still suffer from the shock. Mr. Whiteman's condition is worse than was at first suspected. The auto passed over his body, crushing several of the lower ribs. His left arm is broken above the wrist, and the right arm fractured at the shoulder. Mrs. Whiteman is bravely enduring the terrible ordeal. With her head bandaged she is about the house part of the day.

NOTES FROM THE EXPERIMENTAL STATION

Work has been commenced on a tool house 28x40 feet, which will be used to house the tools and equipment recently purchased for the station. The walls of the above building will be constructed of adobe and will conform in architecture with other buildings that will be erected some time this fall.

The dwarf broomcorn crop on the experimental plots is being harvested this week. The brush averages from 18 to 24 inches in length and is considered to be of good quality.

The Cowpeas in the experimental plots are making a very heavy growth and are beginning to bloom. Many of the cotton plants in the various plots have half grown bolls on them.

SENATOR FALL MAY WANT TO SEE GEN. OROZCO

El Paso, August 1.—Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico, wants to see Gen. Orozco—he may want to do so he says—and has wired mayor Kelly as follows, according to a message given out Wednesday night by the mayor:

Washington, D. C., July 31

To Hon. C. E. Kelly, El Paso, Tex.:

House amended the resolution and senate concurred in an appropriation of \$20,000 for aid. The country is being aroused. Keep me thoroughly posted by wire. Can I get a message to Orozco if necessary? May want to see him personally.

(Signed) "A. B. Fall."

RAILROAD GRADERS HERE

W. P. Helean, contractor came into town from Colorado on his way to Texico, where he will begin the grade work for the road which is now building from Lubock, Texas, to Texico, N. M., and from there it will build to Tucumcari. This contractor has with him 48 head of large mules and six head of horses. Gang of men, with tents, scrapers, plows and the necessities for the work.

It will not be long before they will start on the gas from Texico to Tucumcari to intersect the Dawson.

COMPANY OFFERS TO FINANCE PROJECT

12,500 Acres of Land Is Asked By the Company Before They Will Finance Irrigation Project

IT'S UP TO THE FARMERS NOW

Would Increase Value of Land. This Proposition Should Not Be Overlooked As It Means Something

It was rumored this week that our irrigation bonds had been sold for a fabulous price, but this was found to be incorrect. However, upon investigation we find out and are now authorized to say that an offer has been made to carry through the project under certain conditions, which are in part as follows:

That 12,500 acres of land in the vicinity of the ditch be sold the company at \$7.00 per acre, and when that amount of land has been obtained, contracts duly signed, the deal can be made and closed up, and not before. So, now, it's up to the farmers to sign the contracts as above stated.

The farmers realize the value of their land now, and should not hesitate to donate their share to secure this project which would make an enormous increase on the land they retained if the irrigation project is successfully completed. Now are they ready to help themselves?

We do not know any land selling for \$10 per acre now, and with water it would easily jump to \$50.00 immediately on the opening of the ditch. We know of two men who bought deeded lands during the past two weeks. One paid \$100 for 100 acres, while the other paid \$200 for 100 acres. We believe even 40 acres with water will be worth more than 320 acres of the best land in the county. The soil is fertile and the climate just right and all anybody can say against this county is the lack of rainfall just at the right time, and the irrigation way is the only way.

What do you think, Mr. Farmer?

CIVIL SERVICE OFFERS ATTRACTIVE EMPLOYMENT

Uncle Sam has 350,000 jobs held by those who must pass competitive examinations. There are nearly 50,000 appointments made each year. The salaries are excellent, hours short, work is pleasant, and splendid opportunities for advancement. Government employees whether in Washington, the leading cities, or scattered throughout the country have a fine opportunity for study, self-improvement, or outside work.

There is but one way to get into the government service; that is by passing a rigid examination.

Special preparations for these examinations is absolutely essential and in order to provide this, the Albuquerque Business College has organized a special civil service department and has employed Mr. Geo. C. Taylor, of Washington, D. C., to take charge of this work. Mr. Taylor comes directly from the service of the government, having recently held a responsible position in the bureau of appointments, civil service commission. He has also had extensive experience in other departments of the service.

The Albuquerque Business College is the only school in the west employing a specialist to conduct the work of a civil service department and students enrolling for this course will be under the personal instruction of Mr. Taylor. These courses will also be taught by mail.

The school has prepared a special circular, "How to Enter Civil Service" which will be sent upon request.

TWO MEN ARRESTED

Thursday morning of this week, Sheriff Frank Ward arrested two men on complaint from the Bell Ranch, charging them with chasing cattle in the Bell Ranch. The men's names as given to us were Lumpkins and Jack County. They were turned over to deputy sheriff Lopez, of San Miguel county, and taken to Las Vegas for a preliminary trial. They claim they can give bond.

Prof. Cramer tells us Quay county had a splendid representation at the Normal in Silver City and that some of our citizens were instructors.

AMERICANS REFUSE THE OFFER MADE BY MEXICO

Will not Accept \$1000 For the Death of Relatives By the Mexican Bullets

Douglas, Ariz., Aug. 1.—While several of the Americans who have claims against the Mexican government for injuries inflicted during the battles of Agua Prieta a year ago, called upon Sr. Lozano as a result of the notice published by him to call for the indemnity money, no one accepted the proffered mite. The only claimant known to have been paid was the Mexican who was wounded by a bullet on this side of the line. He was awarded \$500, which sum it is said he was glad to accept as he was a Mexican citizen and had recourse to no other government as have the Americans or A. R. Dickson, the British subject.

According to the various claimants here in Douglas and vicinity, they have complied with all that was asked of them by the Mexican government, in the matter of presenting their claims. They now have the privilege of appealing the amounts decided upon by the Mexican government to the state department at Washington, not expecting that they will be as niggardly in deciding the issue as was the government to the south.

One of those who has a claim against the Mexicans, who called to learn of the amount he had been allowed, said that he had been informed that the amount set aside by the City of Mexico to pay these claims would be forwarded to the secretary of state in Washington, who would give the Mexican government a receipt in full in behalf of the Americans who had been injured.

A statement has been prepared by the representatives of the Mexican government in this city, attempting to explain why a life of an American citizen is worth only \$1000 and a wound nearly mortal, the sum of \$500:

RAILROAD BUSINESS FOR MAY

For the month of May the net operating revenue of the railways declined five and five-tenths per cent per mile of line as compared with May 1911, and that for May 1911 was four and eight-tenths per cent less than for May 1910. This is the saddest fact of the monthly summary of the Bureau of Railway Economics, compiled from the reports of the railways to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and embracing ninety per cent of the steam railway mileage of the country.

The total operating revenues were \$224,109,262, an increase of \$7.00 per mile of line over May 1911. The operating expenses were \$161,368,677, an increase of \$24.29 per mile of line, while the net operating revenues were \$64,740,585, a decrease of \$17.23 per mile of line. Taxes amounted for the month to \$9,897,301, or \$45 per mile, an increase of nine and two-tenths per cent.

The decrease in net operating revenue was most severe for the Eastern group of railways, amounting to eleven and nine-tenths per cent. For the Southern group it increased four-tenths of one per cent, and for the Western group less than one-tenth of one per cent. The aggregate of the net operating revenue for the eleven months of the fiscal year, and also for the five months of the calendar year, when measured per mile of line, shows a decrease in comparison with the corresponding periods of the previous year.

MCDONALD ORDERS THE PRIZE FIGHT STOPPED

El Paso, Texas, July 30.—"I certainly will not permit any such thing," said Governor W. C. McDonald, of New Mexico, when asked over the long distance telephone Monday if he intended permitting the Herick-Mitchell fight at "Bohemian Delights," near El Paso, on Saturday next. The Governor was called on the long distance telephone at his home at Carrizozo, N. M.

"I understand that the promoters have taken a lease on some land near El Paso in New Mexico and expect to make a regular thing of pulling off prize fights there," the governor said. "It would take the whole mounted police force of New Mexico to preserve order. I can't stand for it."

Asked if he would have officers here to prevent the fight Saturday, the Governor said that he would.

"I believe that I am aiding El Paso when I order this thing stopped," the governor continued, "for such undertakings at this cannot do anything but harm to a city." The Governor was told that it was believed the majority of El Pasoans were with him and appreciated his action and he said: "I am glad."

OUR OIL FIELDS ARE ATTRACTING ATTENTION

Oil Fields Near Tucumcari Are Creating Some Interest Other than Just Local Enthusiasts

PEARCE AND FLEMING HERE

Met the Commercial Club and Gave Short Talks Along this Line. Will Investigate Oil Fields

Messrs Pearce and Fleming, who are interested in the oil fields of Lincoln county, are here today looking over our oil fields and investigating Quay county's prospects. They met the Commercial Club this afternoon and gave talks along this line of industry.

OIL AND MINERAL CLAIMS FILED

There are 4,238 oil and mineral claims that have been filed on in Quay county, N. M., to date. Some of them date back as far as 1910. This data was furnished us by Surveyors Traylor and Smith, and they claim it is absolutely correct.

From the above it will be seen that many persons have faith in the outcome of the underground resources of our county, and it is to be hoped at no distant date it will be fully developed and become one of our principal industries.

With our fertile farms, stock and mining possibilities, Quay county will be second to none in the new state, and those who have holdings will be rewarded.

TRIP TO THE BAD LANDS

Together with Messrs. Sherwood, Sandusky, Shelton, Mosher and Taylor, we visited the oil fields Wednesday evening, leaving here at 4:30, and returning about 12:00 o'clock. It was a delightful drive, out by the experiment station, and that alone is worth any pains (time and trouble) to see. Many other crops along the way look very encouraging, and have a good odor.

At the oil field we found them closed down for repairs, but they are very hopeful of being successful soon, and while down nearly 1200 feet in hard rock, they made a headway of 24 feet Wednesday.

It is hoped and expected that oil in paying quantities may be found there, as it will be a great help to this section, and while they have found several small pockets of oil, it was wholly insufficient for development.

CASE OF MENINGITIS

N. S. Bell's little boy, Nathan, was taken sick Monday morning and later the case was diagnosed by Dr. Herring as cerebro-spinal meningitis Wednesday morning Dr. Stanford and Dr. Nichols called in and also confirmed the diagnosis. Mr. Bell also called Dr. B. F. Clutter of El Paso, who had spent one month in Dallas during the epidemic there last spring and studied this disease with the New York expert who was there. Dr. Clutter also confirmed the diagnosis and said he was sorry he could add nothing except a continuation of the treatment in the case which he fully endorsed. There has been little of hope for the child's recovery although at this time Friday afternoon the doctors believe there is slight hope of recovery. The house is under quarantine though the contagion of this disease has always been a question of doubt.

It is undoubtedly an epidemic and it is to be hoped that no other cases will develop.

CASS TARVER

The Texas White Hope will appear at the Evans Opera House next Monday night. See the ad elsewhere. See him while you may, for some day he may meet Jack Johnson, and you will at least be familiar with half of the contestants, as he expects to take the world's championship from the "big snake." Lovers of sport or admirers of strength and science should not fail to attend.

LAWN SOCIAL

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a lawn social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Shields on Third street on Tuesday evening, Aug. 6. Ice cream and cake will be served at 15c and all are cordially invited to attend. Remember the date and place and come and bring some person with you.

JAPAN'S MIKADO DEAD PRINCE ON THRONE

Was Unconscious All Day Sunday—the Nation is Prostrated at News of Death. Ill Long Time

Tokyo, Japan, July 29.—Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, died today at 12:43 a. m. Acute nephritis was given as the cause of death. He has been succeeded on the throne by the crown prince Yo Shuhito.

The crown prince and the princesses of the imperial family, members of the cabinet, and councillors remained at the palace throughout last night. The ministerial gathered in a room adjoining the sick chamber. A bulletin issued at 3 o'clock in the morning noted no change in the emperor's condition, except that the temperature had fallen one degree. Prior bulletins indicated a fatal termination.

The empress retained her post at the bedside. Her unrelenting vigil commands admiration everywhere. Throughout the night diplomats and officials visited the palace. The American ambassador, Charles Page Bryan, called at midnight. A great multitude of people gathered in the outside park praying and crying. One of the most prominent writers, and a high authority on the history of Japan, says that in 2500 years the nation was never so close to the emperor.

CIRCULARS ARE REVOKED

The following notice has been sent out from the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., which might be of interest just now:

Registers and Receivers, U. S. Land Offices.

Sirs: Circulars Nos. 95 and 96, dated April 4, 1912, are hereby revoked. Accordingly, the officers affected thereto will no longer be required to file the statement of fees charged (Form 4-141a). You will issue notice to all concerned.

Officers taking proofs, acknowledgments, etc., should be warned that this office will not tolerate any overcharging for services rendered, and that it will direct district officers to no longer set final proofs and contest hearings before any officer found, upon investigation, to have been guilty of any overcharge in relation to Land Office business, and will also call attention to the proper officers of the Department of Justice in any violation of Section 2294, Revised Statutes, as amended by the act of March 4, 1904 (33 Stat., 59).

Very respectfully,
Paul Donnelly, Commissioner

HEAVIES MAKE BID FOR JOHNSON'S TITLE

Tommy Burns, ex-champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, has announced his intention to make an attempt to regain the title. Discussing an Associated Press dispatch quoting Jack Johnson, who won his title from Burns, as stating that he has permanently retired from the ring, Burns said:

"Now that Johnson has retired, the title reverts to the white race, and I am prepared to defend it. Johnson says I gave him the toughest fight of his whole career."

Burns has been living in Calgary, Canada, for the last year.

The manager of Joe Jannette says: "It is no mystery in America to claim a pugilistic championship, nor am I seeking to establish a precedent but I sincerely believe I am justified in claiming the world's heavyweight title for Jannette."

SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION

Tucumcari, N. M., Aug. 1, 1912

Prof. D. I. Cordes,

City

Dear Sir:

On behalf of my wife and myself, I take these means to thank you and the members of the band most heartily for the unexpected surprise given us at our home last Sunday evening, it being our 20th wedding anniversary.

The beautiful selections rendered by your band, were highly appreciated and the progress your members have made during the short time of the band's existence is truly remarkable.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,
A. D. Goldenberg.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The usual services will be held at the Christian church, Sunday August 4th, A. H. Mahon will preach morning and evening.

Prof. Cordes, Tucumcari bandmaster, will render some classical cornet solos, assisted by George Ferguson, pianist.

A. H. Mahon, Minister