

ROWLAND HOPPER, A FORMER TUCUMCARI BOY, WAS DROWNED

From a letter to Mrs. E. E. Winter, written by Mrs. Sadie Hopper, a former resident of this city, we copy the following sad bit of news:

Kingswood, Ky., July 11, 1915
Dear Friends:

I am here with sad news again. Rowland is dead. Was drowned in the Ohio river at Stephensport, Ky., June 19. He was out in an evangelistic campaign, being cornetist for the meetings. This was his second meeting, had been away six weeks, had been home two nights and one day between the meetings, after the afternoon services.

Saturday he and the pastor of the church where they were holding the meeting went down to the river for a bath and had only been in the river a few minutes when it was supposed he took a cramp and went under. When he came up Bro. Arnold got to him and got him by the hair and Role got him by the leg and he tried to get to shore but he was about to lose his hold and let loose, aiming to get him by the bathing suit, but Role let loose at the same time and he dived for him but the water was too swift and he was almost exhausted. The water was over 17 feet deep. He got to shore and gave the alarm. His body was rescued in 45 minutes, but they could do nothing for him. He had written me that morning to have someone meet him at the train Monday morning as he would be home a few days to see his sister who was here for a visit from Knoxville. I had gotten his card in the noon mail and when the message came about six o'clock that evening it was an awful shock to us.

My heart is broken, I know I will meet him again if I live true, I know where to find him, for he was a true Christian. He had one of the sweetest Christian characters I ever saw in any one. I don't feel like I can write this over again. I think I still have a few friends in Tucumcari and would be glad as you see them, if you would tell them.

Hope you are all well. Mr. Hopper joins me in love to the family.
Your friend,
SADIE HOPPER

The many friends of the family join in extending sympathy to the bereaved parents.

EPISCOPAL RECEPTION

The reception given at the Episcopal church last night was well attended and after an interesting address delivered by Bishop Howden the new Rector, Edward J. Hoering, was received by the congregation.

Dr. Nichols, after giving the history of the church at this place, in which he gave a vivid picture of how the church was brought up to its present condition, in a few well chosen words he welcomed the new rector in behalf of the congregation and the citizens of Tucumcari.

A nicely arranged program consisting of readings, vocal and instrumental music together with the fine violin solo given by Mr. Hoering, was well received. Ice cream and cake was served by the ladies of the church and at a late hour all left for their homes fully satisfied that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening in the little Mission which will no doubt grow and be of great benefit to this city religiously and otherwise.

EDISON TO HELP GOVERNMENT

Washington, D. C., July 13.—Announcement by Thos. A. Edison of his acceptance of Secretary Daniel's offer to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for the proposed bureau of invention and development was received with gratification today by naval officials. Sec'y Daniels, who appealed to Mr. Edison to undertake the task on patriotic grounds, went ahead today with the perfection of his new plans. It is planned to have men prominent in special lines of inventive and research work associated with the bureau, several names already being under consideration.

One of the big problems to be laid before the bureau, will be that of improving the navy's submarines and aeroplanes. Referring in his letter to Mr. Edison to submarine warfare, Secretary Daniels said that he felt sure that with Mr. Edison's wonderful brain to help them, the officers of the navy would be able "to meet this new danger with new devices that will assure peace to our country by their effectiveness."

Another important task of the bureau will be to make a careful study with a view to their possible adaptation of all the numerous suggestions and inventions which are received almost daily by the navy department from naval officers and civilians.

Hate to admit it, but this deluge of war news is so tiresome we are becoming terribly peeved.

EXPRESSION RECITAL BY MISS CHRISTINE FINNEY

At the Center Street Methodist Church
Friday, July 16, 1915 at
8:30 p. m.

The White Sister, Marion F. Crawford
Something to Say, C. N. Hood

Vocal Solo, "A Little Pink Rose"
Carrie Bond
Miss Sandusky

The Gypsy Flower Girl, E. L. McDowell
A Woman's Question, Mrs. Browning
Cupid and a Cadallie

Anna Francis Coate
The First Quarrel, Alfred Tennyson
Feminine Sympathy

THE TAX ROLLS' STORY

The first of the county tax rolls for 1915 to reach Santa Fe are disappointing to the entire commission, it is stated since they fall far below the commission's estimates of increased assessment totals for the counties thus far reported. It was feared that some thing of this kind would happen when the Bursum tax commission law was enacted by the last legislature, after a few members of the legislature had worked faithfully but uselessly for sixty days to secure enactment of a real taxation law.

If other counties in the state fall down as did Mora county in total assessment return this state during the next fiscal year will be confronted with a deficit which will be a little short of staggering.

There are indications, too, that the other counties will do little better than Mora county in the way of increased assessments, which increased backwards by about \$150,000. There is the case of Socorro county where two of the principal sheep owners have been successful in inducing the county commissioners to reduce the count of their sheep by 8,000 and 3,000, respectively, from the number estimated against them by the state tax commission. This represents a loss to the tax roll of \$34,000 in one instance and \$14,000 in the other. The worst of it is that the tax commission's sheep returns are based on figures of dipping count and inspection which are supposed to be accurate. Yet the Socorro county board acted promptly and made these huge cuts without batting an eye. Something of this sort also was feared when the Bursum tax commission law was enacted.—Albuquerque Herald.

SIZE OF PARCEL POST PACKAGES IS INCREASED

Washington, D. C., July 14.—The size limit on parcel post packages is to be increased to a combined length and girth of 84 inches instead of 72 inches as at present. An announcement to that effect is made by postmaster general Burleson. The new size limit will permit the mailing of standard fruit and berry crates.

The postmaster general also authorized the establishment of a receipt system for parcel post packages similar to that employed by express companies.

The new regulation, says the department statement, "provides that on payment of one cent, the postmaster at the mailing office may give the sender of an ordinary parcel of fourth class mail a receipt therefor. A postage stamp to cover the charge for the receipt will be attached to the package and the name and address of the sender shall be written on the package."

POLITICAL WORM FENCE

Judge Cutlip of Tucumcari was in Clayton Monday staking out the line of a political fence which he contemplates building around this judicial district. He is laying the ground rails to a four-foot worm and intends to have the fence complete with strong stakes and riders by the corraling season of 1916. It is to be a Democratic fence and is intended to furnish pasture for district attorney livestock.

The judge is a genial young lawyer with laudable political aspirations and seems to be well acquainted with the habits of political range stock.—Clayton Citizen.

RUNS DOWN OLD MAN

J. G. Cain, the aged father of Calix Cain, the well known rancher south of Cuervo, was the victim of an unfortunate accident occurring at Santa Rosa late Monday afternoon. He was run down by a careless driver, who lost no time in putting distance between himself and the victim.

Mr. Cain came here from Llano, Texas, a few days ago for an extended visit with his son and family, and they went to Santa Rosa to witness the Fourth of July celebration. They were enroute to the station to catch the train for Cuervo when the accident occurred.

Although the doctor who was called stated that Mr. Cain's injuries were not serious, on his arrival at the Cain home Dr. A. A. Sanford of Cuervo found that the aged man's hip had been fractured.—Cuervo Clipper.

Personalities next year, as in years gone by, will dominate the campaign but principles will figure more largely than in any other campaign since the civil war.—Washington Post.

JOHN N. LOGAN HURT

The news was brought to town this Thursday morning that Mr. J. N. Logan, the mail carrier of the star route leading south from Montoya had received injuries by a runaway team that may result seriously for the old gentleman. The detail of the accident are about as follows:

Mr. Logan had stopped to fix something about the fore wheels of his rig about one mile and a half south of the caprock on top of the mesa when the team became unmanageable and began to run, entangling Mr. Logan in the wheel and dragging him about a couple of hundred yards, breaking his leg in three places and bruising his entire body up severely.

The two Arrington boys found him soon after the accident occurred and conveyed him to his home and came to town for medicine and assistance. He is a man of about 65 years of age and resides near where he was hurt. He is mail carrier on the route from Montoya to Ima and points south. It is difficult to learn of the extent of his injuries at this hour but we trust they may not prove fatal.—Montoya Republican.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND

Carrizozo, N. M., July 8.—The train crew of the Golden State limited, due here at 10:50 yesterday morning brought from mile-post 161, which would be seventeen miles northeast of this point, the remains of a Mexican which was lying on the track. Police Judge Massie empaneled a jury and held an inquest over the body immediately after the arrival of the train and his notification by the conductor of the train.

Engineer Frank Simmons and his fireman were examined and it was ascertained from them that the body was seen in sufficient time to bring the train to a full stop, which they did, bringing the remains to this place. The body was still limp, showing that death had been recent. The head was completely severed from the body, and as testified to by the trainmen who picked up the body, both head and body were lying close together on the outside of the track. The corpse was that of an Old Mexico native, who had been seen in Carrizozo the night before and who had told some parties that he was from Vaughn, N. M., and was enroute to Aguas Calientes. He had evidently mistook his directions and boarded a freight leaving the yards here this morning about 6:30 northbound. It is presumed he fell from the car he was riding and in this manner met his death.

The finding of the inquest was that he came to his death by being run over by a railroad train. He had nothing on his person except a sack of smoking tobacco, some cigarette papers and one nickel. The county buried the remains this afternoon.

MAY POSTPONE MEETING

The regular July meeting of the state tax commission, scheduled to open in Santa Fe next Monday, the 19th, may be postponed until early in August in order to allow time for all the county tax rolls to reach the commission. The matter is now being considered by the commissioners, and if a postponement is decided on one of them will come here to make the formal order. So far only one tax roll—that of Mora county—has been received by Secretary Howell Earnest and it is probable that only a few will be received this week. After the rolls are received the commission will be in a position to determine approximately the amount of revenue that can be raised under the provisions of the Bursum tax law.

An opinion holding that the commission would have the right to adjourn any of its meetings was recently given by T. J. Guilfoil, special accountant for the commission, by Attorney General Clancy. Mr. Guilfoil is conducting an investigation with a view to getting additional property on the tax rolls, and asked concerning the adjournment with a view to determining what time he might have to conclude his work.

U. S. HAS WORLD SYMPATHY

Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 14.—The United States, in its negotiations with Germany has the support and sympathy of the world, says El Diario in commenting upon the exchange of notes between the powers.

El Diario adds: "Germany instead of answering the American note squarely, slips in 'distinctions,' (quibbles). The neutrals want not only the established laws respected but also the human laws.

"Germany's attitude excites the antipathy of the neutrals and prepares the way for a coalition of all the countries which have been wronged.

"The United States cannot give in. It has on its side the sympathies of the world."

BOTH SIDES SATISFIED

London, Eng., July 14.—Four hundred and fifty thousand square miles of German colonial possessions have been occupied by the entente allies during the war. This official estimate was announced today by A. Bonar Law the British secretary of the colonies.

The German colonial possessions seized include German Southwest Africa, German's territorial possessions in China and an island or two in the south Pacific. In the meantime, not a foot of Germany's home soil has been conquered by the allies.

Germany also feels today some reason for rejoicing. The official announcement from Berlin today says 42 merchant ships were sunk by German submarines in the month of June.

During the month of June, 29 British, three French, one Belgian and nine Russian merchantmen were sunk by German submarines.

VISITING IN TEXAS

Trent, Texas, July 8, 1915
Editor News,

Dear Sir:—
We left our ranch 2 1/2 miles south of Tucumcari, Monday morning, at 7 o'clock, via Grady, Texico, Farwell, staying all night at Olton at a town of 300 inhabitants.

Crops were fine all along the way, good wheat on the plains and farmers all smiling seemingly very prosperous. All fat and grass is fine as I ever saw. Left Olton next morning at 7:30 passing through Lubbock, Post City, Snyder, Roscoe, Sweetwater and Trent where we lay over visiting my sister, Mrs. J. W. Nichols where we will stay until Saturday morning, July 10, leaving for Abilene, Albany, Mineral Wells, Weatherford, on to Fort Worth. Then south 75 miles to Clifton where I will write you again giving the interesting points of the trip. I am sending you a daily published at Sweetwater that will give you some idea of the push of this beautiful little city. Will give you a more detailed account of the above progressive little cities.

With regards to all, I am
Respectfully,
J. E. MANNEY, M. D.

The Sweetwater daily contained the following item in regard to the passing through of Dr. Manney and family:

"Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Manney and the daughters, Misses Johnnie and Lucile and son, Willis, Manney were an interesting party here this morning. They were 'Fording' it at the rate of 346 and 1-10 miles in two days, and had to stop and camp last night on account of a punctured tire. They were enroute to Mrs. Manney's sister's home at Trent, for a few days' visit. They expect to go as far east as Wichita Falls. Their trip will consume about one month's time."

WHAT SHALL I WEAR?

The pastor of the Christian church will preach on this timely subject next Sunday evening at 8:00.

The service will be an informal affair. The men who attend will be in style without coats, collars or neck-ties in either Sunday or working clothes. The women know how at all times to appear comfortable, even though beautiful.

Bible school 9:45 a. m.
Morning service at 11 o'clock.

DIVES INTO ROCK BALLAST

Fred Edler was thrown from his motor-bike last Friday while going about 10 miles an hour near Santa Rosa. He was passing over a new ballasted crossing where the ballast was higher than the rail. The small wheel was thrown off the rail and caught in such a manner as to almost instantly stop the bike, but Fred kept right on plunging headlong into the ballast, bruising his left hand and arm and left side of face. He was brought to Tucumcari for treatment and has sufficiently recovered to return to his work as lineman for the Western Union.

ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Putman entertained Friday evening, July 9, with Progressive Rook, in honor of the Misses Christine, Ina and Florinne Finney, of Poteau, Okla., who are visiting at this hospitable home.

Among those present were Misses Gee, Sandusky, Holt, Vivian and Maurine Steckman; Messrs Coplen, Briscoe, Harrison, Wharton, Girouard, Putman, Phillips.

A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. Putman, consisting of grape juice, and sandwiches, followed by ice cream and cake.

JUSTICE COURT BUSY

Judge McElroy has been busy for the past two weeks and the last week he has heard several cases.

Monday was the family row in which a lively time was experienced during the trial of the case. The judge is usually a good peacemaker, but this case was too much for him so he had to hear the evidence and decided different from what he had anticipated the outcome would be.

Saturday night Constable Hooten, of Nara Visa, came down with two young fellows charged with stealing cattle. One gave bond but the other was unable to give the desired amount and is staying with Mr. Winter until the hearing which will be held next week.

The case in which one of the Smith boys was charged with concealing a horse which was stolen from Mr. J. Helms of near San Jon, several months ago, was heard yesterday and Smith was dismissed because of insufficient evidence to convict him.

Emmett Siler was released on bond last week in order that he could go to the bedside of his mother who was reported seriously ill at her home in Amarillo. We understand she died before her son reached there.

TOAD KILLS SNAKE

Mr. Carman, who drives a huxter wagon from this place to the plains, told us yesterday of a strange coincidence which he saw on his trip this week.

A snake of the Coach Whip variety had captured a horned toad and in attempting to swallow it the horn of the toad's head punctured the roof of the snake's mouth and came through the top. The snake tried in vain to swallow the toad or loosen it in some way but could not accomplish its purpose. It had worn a big place in the road where it had coiled and squirmed in its frantic attempt and finally wore itself out and died.

Mr. Carman cut the toad out and he soon revived and seemed to be in a good way to recovery when left at the side of the road.

DESTROYS GRASSHOPPERS

Farmers do not appreciate the value of having an auto line close to their places. If they will take the trouble and examine the radiator of an auto they will find it at least one-third full of dead grass-hoppers.

The pests fly up in front of the machines and lodge in the front part of the radiator and are burned to death. This is a good way to get rid of them and we would recommend that farmers buy machines and clear their farms of as many as possible.

Mr. Bryan says that every editorial should be signed by its author. But how about diplomatic notes?—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

TWO TRAIN LOADS OF MOOSE WILL PASS THROUGH TONIGHT

Two special train will pass through here tonight conveying Moose officials from Mooseheart, Ill., and other members of that popular order. These trains are due to arrive in El Paso at 1:30 p. m., Friday. The number of the westward bound delegation is 800 to 900 and is traveling in two sections. The big gathering at Mooseheart was to celebrate the expenditure of \$2,000,000 on the project there and the schedule afterwards is to go to San Diego to the national convention.

El Paso Moose will go to Alamogordo to meet the special Rock Island train and at this juncture in the San Diego trip the first efforts will be put forth to secure the good will of the Moose officials in gaining for El Paso the proposed \$1,000,000 Moose sanatorium. This part of the campaigning will consist of books, pamphlets and framed legends, and the delegates are to be submerged with facts as to El Paso's advantages.

The Supreme International Convention of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held in San Diego, Calif., from July 19 to 24, inclusive. This organization which numbers between seven and eight hundred thousand members in the United States, Canada and Europe will undoubtedly send to the Pacific Coast the largest delegation of any convention held in the West this year.

The committee having in charge the affairs of the convention have labored earnestly and carefully to provide amusement for the vast throngs who will attend. Entertainment ranging from "clam bakes" to "bull fights," mountain excursions into Old Mexico, band and drill contests upon the fair grounds of the Panama California Exposition, organ concerts by artists of international note at the mammoth Spreckles organ, the largest out-of-door organ in the world, parades and carnivals—all these are offered for the delectation of the visitors to the Convention.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

We are glad to announce that the services still continue at the Baptist church each evening, and again we extend to you a hearty invitation to attend. We are very grateful to the Christian people of the town for their faithfulness and Christ-like service in this campaign. We are also duly appreciative of the kind services rendered us by the papers of the town. We are in a campaign by the home people for the home people.

There have been about forty professions of faith in Christ and many of the church people have been greatly strengthened. We are here to help every good interest in Tucumcari. We are for everything the devil is against and against everything the devil is for. We solicit your co-operation.

SAM D. TAYLOR, Pastor

Muirhead has started the ball to roll and is putting on another of his famous mid-summer sales. He took advantage of an opportunity to buy some good goods cheap and it is now arriving for the big sale. Two weeks ago he got a large shipment of shirts and Tuesday he had sold all but two and they were extra large sizes. He has a big ad. in this weeks paper and if you don't read it its your loss because he has a big list of articles for sale and if prices will sell them they are as good as sold.

We are in favor of eugenics—when it applies to some one else.—Tulsa (Okla.) Democrat.

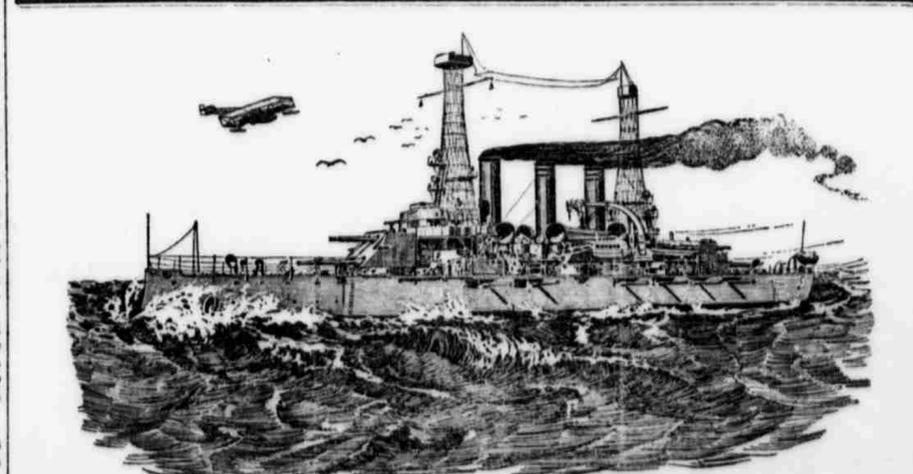
The fact that Michigan has not had a presidential candidate since Lewis Cass ran against Zachary Taylor in 1848 does not seem to discourage William Alden Smith.—Los Angeles Times.

How pitiful appear the dreams of a Madero, the carplings of a Carranza, the ungovernable temper of a Villa, and the mad theories of a Zapata beside of a stern, consistent program of a Diaz.—Houston Chronicle.

The Methodist preachers had a big watermelon feast at the First church yesterday, and but for the fact that they knew our duties would prevent our attendance we feel sure we would have been invited.—Houston Post.

The explosion in the national capital was an attempt to cripple the U. S. government. Three times in the history of our government the president has been fatally attacked with the same end in view.—Oklahoma City Times.

Israel Zangwell in the London Nation is strong for the British, but he isn't in love with Russia. He writes that the attitude of the czar toward the Jews is a moral detriment to the cause of the allies. Irish, Jews, and Poles are not greatly interested in the outcome of this war.—Fort Worth Record.



ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST SHIPS WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT.