

\$300,000 FIRE DESTROYS MOST OF BUSINESS SECTION OF ROY

A disastrous fire visited Roy Wednesday of this week and nearly wiped the business section off the map.

The fire started in a Mexican shack where it is said a cup of grease exploded and set the house on fire.

For sometime the Spanish American has been advocating that Roy should be incorporated and a water and light system installed.

The fire started about 10:30 and

had about finished its work by the time the south-bound Polly passed through on its way to Tucumcari.

This reminds us of those who say the United States could whip any other country without preparedness.

This dear lesson should be heeded by other towns and arrangements made to cope with an ordeal like Roy has just gone through with.

then spoke in behalf of their candidacy for the clerk's office.

J. A. Atkins and J. B. Seabrough, the two candidates for county school superintendent, gave good talks along with what they believed Quay county needed in that department and promised to devote their time in trying to bring about those things.

Sam Dismukes then spoke in behalf of his candidacy for assessor. He said he was running for a thankless job but if elected he would do his best to equalize the assessment so that the moneyed men would pay as much as the small property owner in proportion to what they own.

J. C. Williams, J. A. Abeyta and C. E. Hunter, candidates for probate judge, were all present and spoke in their behalf, promising the voters all within their power.

Wyatt Nations and Jim Lovelady were the only candidates for commissioner present to talk.

The meeting ended in a real old-fashioned hand-shake.

FARMERS AND TOWN PEOPLE TO WORK ON RAGLAND HILL FRIDAY

It has been arranged to meet at the cap rock near Ragland Friday of this week to work roads and widen the roadway up the cap.

Tucumcari has nothing to fear so far as competition is concerned in the selling of goods, because the prices here are lower than points on the Santa Fe.

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CANDIDATES ATTEND LITERARY AT NORTON SCHOOL HOUSE

Saturday night about sixteen candidates together with a number of their friends, went to Norton to attend the literary at the school house.

A nice program was rendered by the young folks of the neighborhood which was highly enjoyed by those present, especially the two recitations given by the little girl and boy, whose names the News reporter failed to learn.

Orval Doherty, a bright young man of that vicinity, was elected chairman; Miss Eunice Thurston, secretary and Robt. Jacobs, well known in Tucumcari, as he was a member of the local basketball team, who lives at Norton, was chosen as vice president.

After a nice program was rendered Mr. Doherty, editor of the Norton Headlight, read that interesting paper in a most pleasing manner.

A short recess was taken at which time it was decided to postpone the scheduled debate in order to give the candidates a chance to tell their troubles and explain their mission.

Judge Cutlip opened and used more than his allotted time in explaining why he should be chosen as the next district attorney. Mr. Saxon followed and ten minutes were not enough for him to explain why he should be the nominee for district attorney.

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LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE TO PUT ON BIG SHOW

The Loyal Order of Moose at their meeting last Tuesday evening completed arrangements with George S. Best to produce his "Tabloid Musical Revue" with about 50 or 60 of Tucumcari's local amateurs in the production.

Mr. Best comes to Tucumcari very highly recommended and promises the biggest and best show ever given in this city. "A Tabloid Musical Revue" consists of four big acts run in the style of a vaudeville show.

DEMOCRATS HOLD LARGE ENTHUSIASTIC STATE CONVENTION

Santa Fe, May 31.—The 1916 campaign has opened in a most auspicious manner for the Democratic party of New Mexico. The state convention at Albuquerque, at which delegates to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis, June 14, were elected, was positively the largest and most enthusiastic gathering of its kind ever held in New Mexico.

When it is considered that there is but one candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination; that there were no questions at issue, and that no party policies were to be determined, the attendance must be regarded as remarkable, and as demonstrating a most definite way that the Democracy of the state is entering the political fight with unprecedented earnestness and enthusiasm, and a spirit of absolute harmony.

The keynote speech of Senator I. C. Barth was an able and exhaustive presentation of the achievements of Woodrow Wilson's administration, and a glowing tribute to the great character and statesmanship of the Democratic president.

In taking charge of the deliberations of the convention as its permanent chairman, Secretary of State Mr. Antonio Lucero delivered a stirring address in Spanish, in the course of which he declared that "the enthusiasm that has reigned in this convention—the largest and most representative in the history of the party and of the state—is absolute proof to my mind that the Democracy of New Mexico, working as one man, has the determination not only to triumph in the coming election, but to place the state in the Democratic column for all time."

The resolutions adopted by the convention applauded the manner in which President Wilson has handled the major grave and delicate international questions that have come before him, and condemn the actions of the last republican legislature of New Mexico, and strongly commend the administration of Governor McDonald and the other Democratic state officers.

At the meeting of the Democratic state central committee, which preceded the convention, Santa Fe was selected as the place for the state nomination convention, and August 30 fixed as the date.

\$50,000 IN NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS-- BONDS CARRY 5 TO 1

The election last Friday resulted in a vote of 374 for the bonds and 80 against, nearly five to one.

A light vote was polled because so many of the citizens are in favor of any school proposition, but did not really believe the bond issue should have been so large.

They figured that Tucumcari was bound to grow if she had plenty of school buildings in which to teach the children without crowding them into little cold frame buildings, scattered about over town making it unhandy and costly in the long-run, so they put the matter up to the voters of Tucumcari to decide whether Tucumcari needed \$50,000 worth of new school buildings and equipment.

The board will meet next Monday and prepare the bonds for sale and then they must be put on the market and disposed of. Tucumcari is a valuable town and it is thought no trouble will be had in disposing of the bonds at a goodly sum, at least face value with 5 1/2 or 6 per cent.

When these new buildings are completed Tucumcari can say to the world she believes in educating the youngsters and has done her part in providing suitable buildings, for the present, at least.

LOST—On the streets of Tucumcari, hub tap from Dodge car. Finder please return to J. M. Stark.



THE above is a good likeness of Sam—as he is familiarly known—who aspires to be nominated at the Democratic primary as assessor of Quay county. Sam says he is making the race on his merits and desires to make the following statement:

"I believe in making the assessment in accordance with the amount of property each man has at the time such assessment is made. The small farmer pays on every cow or any other animal or piece of property; therefore, I will make the large property owner or corporation pay at the same ratio required of the small property owner. I will be under no obligations to Messrs Goldenberg or any other set of men and those who say I will, are mistaken or intend to misrepresent myself and my purpose. If you believe me to be honest and worthy, I solicit your support. If you believe otherwise, vote for the other man."

"The assessor's office is not a 'flowery bed of ease,' but it pays a fair salary and is desirable for that reason. I have been working in the store for several years and am desirous of getting out in the open air more and believe I am entirely competent to fill the assessor's office without prejudice or favor. My friends are those who know me best. It's not fair for my opponents to say I am a tool of any man or set of men. If elected I will be fair with every citizen of the county and honest in everything pertaining to my official duties. If not nominated and elected, no one can say

SINGING AT ANNISTON

The singing convention at Anniston, Sunday was the attraction for quite a number of Tucumcari citizens, and the Democratic candidates. A large crowd was in attendance, almost every citizen of the neighborhood being present and the nearby towns were all represented.

The singing was excellent and was enjoyed by all, and the feast which was spread at noon by the Anniston folk would indicate that section of the country is in a very prosperous condition and has some exceptionally good cooks.

BOY BURNED TO DEATH

Mr. Spurlock who returned home from Stratford, Texas, last night, reports witnessing the burning of a big barn and quite a lot of feed, together with a team of mules. The barn belonged to a Mr. Kirkwood, and it was thought to have been set on fire by his little four-year-old son. The boy came into the house after a dipper of water and the mother did not see him afterwards until his charred remains were found in the debris.

LAVONIA MAY MUNDELL

Lavonia May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mundell, of Big Springs, Texas, died Friday, May 26 in that city, aged 2 years, 2 months and 23 days. Funeral services were conducted at the family residence.

It will be remembered that this little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mundell while they lived on the Experimental Farm near Tucumcari. The many friends here extend sympathy to the bereaved parents.

POSTMASTER AT GRADY COMMITS SUICIDE SATURDAY

Postmaster Lybrand, of Grady committed suicide last Saturday morning by shooting himself twice and trying the third time. The first shot entered the body on the left side above the heart; the second pierced the heart and when Dr. Hale entered the store Lybrand had the gun pointed at his head trying to shoot again.

Lybrand was unable to speak and died within a short time. Mrs. Lybrand had just left the store and went to another across the street on an errand. She said he was in his usual mind when she left and the tragedy was a great shock to her.

The cause of the tragedy is not fully known, but the report here states that Mr. Lybrand had once been a heavy drinker, but had not been indulging so heavily since holding down the position of postmaster. He had not lost that horrible desire and lately had drunk considerable. Mrs. Lybrand reproved him for his wrong doing and he brooded over the matter and decided to separate himself from the temptation and thus used the surer method—two balls of lead.

Mr. and Mrs. Lybrand were the parents of three children, one of which resided in the store. They have been residents of Grady for about eight years and were highly respected people. Mr. Lybrand was accommodating and friendly until a day or two before his death, and it is now thought he must have been planning the taking of his own life. He left no note of explanation and no one knows his reason for not desiring to live, but he was determined to put himself out of the way.

The family have the sympathy of the entire community and no blame is attached to anyone whatever. The remains were buried in the Grady cemetery and Mrs. Lybrand will continue to run the store and postoffice, and will ask for an appointment from the government. She understands the work and it is hoped she will be retained.

I told lies about them or was not fair to each of my opponents."

The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Tucumcari, N. M., May 29, 1916

To whom it may Concern: "As it has been reported that Mr. Dismukes has been a candidate on the Democratic ticket and that The M. B. Goldenberg Company were in favor of his running for such an office, we hereby desire to state to the public that we have advised Mr. Dismukes, at different times, not to run for any political office, and we regret very much that he has seen fit to enter into politics as we would like to have him stay with us in his present capacity.

There is no truth in any statement connecting our name with the candidacy of any party on either ticket as we have never been, are not now, and do not intend at any further time to enter politics. Any statement made to the contrary is made by irresponsible parties.

Yours for business only, The M. B. Goldenberg Co. MBG-CSW."

HON. ISAAC BARTH TO BE IN TUCUMCARI MONDAY, JUNE 12TH

The Young Democrats met at the court house Monday night and four of the members debated upon the subject, "Be it Resolved that Women be Allowed the Right to Vote in New Mexico." No judges were chosen and no decision made as to who won. On account of there being so many other attractions in town there was not a very large crowd present.

Business matters were taken up after the debate was closed and it was decided to accept Mr. Isaac C. Barth's offer to visit Tucumcari June 12. Mr. Barth is one of the best known men in the state and will no doubt be the Democratic candidate for governor. He is an excellent speaker and entertainer so it was decided that the court house would not hold the crowd that would come out to hear him and arrangements will be made to hold the meeting in the opera house. A special program will be held preceding the speech. The following newspaper story will be of interest at this time:

"The old printer was really the discoverer of Isaac Barth and his gubernatorial possibilities. We wandered into St. Johns, Ariz., in 1902, with a prospecting outfit, and went to the Barth store to replenish our grub box. Isaac was sitting in a rocking chair with a law book on his knees, some soda crackers in one hand and a slice of cheese in the other. He told us to wait on ourselves, his father being down in an alfalfa field. A conversation ensued, during which he outlined his ambition to become a great lawyer and politician, etc., and incidentally told a couple of funny stories in his inimitable manner. We recognized a budding genius and told him that New Mexico offered a wide field for such talents as his. Even at that early date it was apparent that he would need plenty of room if he expanded to a much greater extent. Statehood was discussed; also the political game, and finally he told him we expected to hear of his being governor of the state of New Mexico some day, and after that a United States senator. We both fell to day-dreaming of the future then, and Mr. Barth fell asleep. We quietly departed toward the sand hills, and it comes to mind now that we forgot to pay for the groceries. Mr. Barth will undoubtedly recall the incident."

Mr. Barth promises to be here the 12th of June and the Young Democrats will welcome everyone who enjoys a rattling good speech with plenty of fun and plenty of brains combined for entertainment.

FIFTEEN VOLUNTEERS GO TO COLUMBUS TO JOIN THE U. S. ARMY

Several days ago Senator Allred received a telegram from General Herring which stated that he needed about 200 more men to fill out the 1st New Mexico regiment. He got busy and for a while it looked like he would send a full company, but when the time came only eight responded to the call, most of them being from Tucumcari or immediate vicinity. He thinks the southern, eastern and western portions of Quay county should come through and show their patriotism. It would not be nice for the eastern states to have to send men down here to protect our own border. An extra effort is being made to get the men and then form another regiment. There are plenty of cow-boys in Quay county alone to form a good regiment if it was known that Old Mexico intended to bring us into war with that nation, but up to date there is nothing definite and most of the boys do not care to give up their jobs and then be mustered out before they have any chance to see real service.

Mr. Allred has sent fifteen to the Columbus recruiting station and only three failed to pass.

ALL CANDIDATES who have not paid their pro-rata assessment as levied by the Democratic Central Committee, through its chairman and secretary, are hereby reminded that no candidate's name will be placed on the ticket who has not paid this assessment to the secretary of the Committee, ten days before the primary. Very respectfully, JAMES BRISCOE, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Democratic Central Committee of Quay County, N. M.