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SILVER CITY MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ROAD MEETING

The best attended and most enthusiastic meeting of the Southwestern Good Roads Association ever held occurred at Silver City, N. M., on Saturday last composed of members from New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The four delegates from Riverside County, California, drove more than five hundred miles through Arizona and New Mexico to be present at the annual meeting of the Association and were given the glad hand by all for their manifestation of interest in the route through New Mexico and Arizona to Blythe, California, thence to Los Angeles, sponsored by the Southwestern Good Roads Association.

Clifton sent a strong delegation to the meeting numbering between thirty and thirty-five all of whom made the trip by auto leaving Clifton Saturday morning between five and six o'clock and making the trip via Lordsburg to Silver City in five hours. Mr. Sam Abraham, in his Packard, and Mr. Picketts Anderson, of the Mountain Auto Company, made the run in four hours and forty minutes.

Everyone who made the trip from Clifton were loud in their praises of the magnificent reception accorded the visitors and the hospitable manner of which they were entertained.

The entire Saturday afternoon was spent in a business meeting of the Association which was called to order by President W. B. Kelly at 2 p. m. Mr. E. V. Travis, secretary of the Clifton Commercial Club, acted as temporary secretary during the absence of Dr. L. A. W. Burch, who was unavoidably absent. A roll call showed members present in person and by proxy from Riverside county, California, Maricopa, Gila, Graham, and Greenlee counties in Arizona, and Catron, Hidalgo, Grant, and Sierra counties in New Mexico. More than fifty delegates were in attendance and the keen interest manifested in the proceedings augurs well for the future success of the Association.

Delegates from several counties told of the progress of highway construction along the route from Elephant Butte Dam in New Mexico through to the Roosevelt dam, in Arizona, lessing the distance through the two states to Phoenix and Blythe California by more than a hundred miles.

Mr. E. V. Travis of Clifton introduced a map of the route showing the exact mileage and the connecting feeders to this central route and with accompanying photographs illustrated the scenic wonders and natural attractions along the way. Mr. Travis' talk was given close attention and a general discussion by the delegates followed. The map showed the importance of the Mule Creek interstate link of sixteen miles on the Arizona side of the line in Greenlee county and the Clifton delegation pledged the Association that this link would be constructed at the earliest date possible.

The question of a name for the central highway route through Arizona and New Mexico was brought before the meeting and it was decided that the selection of a name should be made by ballot of all the members, the ballot to be mailed out bearing the name suggestions submitted at the meeting and others that might be made within the next thirty days. Among the names suggested at the meeting were "Elephant Butte and Roosevelt Route," "The Sunbelt Route," "New Mexico & Arizona Route," "Apache Trail Highway-Elephant Butte to Roosevelt Route."

The new officers elected for the ensuing year were: W. S. Cox of Silver City, president and Burton Bunch, also of Silver City secretary. Vice presidents were elected as follows: New Mexico—Grant county, J. B. Gehrhart; Catron county, S. J. Kidder; Sierra county, C. C. Rhea; Hidalgo county, Frank R. Coon; Arizona—Greenlee county, E. H. Green; Gila county, R. C. Andrus; Graham county, Martin Layton; Maricopa county, Dwight B. Heard; California—Riverside county, A. A. Lorton; Los Angeles county, Frank Wiggins.

The entertainment feature of the meeting was a banquet given Saturday evening at the New Mexican Cottage Sanatorium, at which the Grant County Chamber of Commerce was host. Many of the visiting delegates were accompanied by their wives. Following the banquet an informal dance was held at the Community House, and this proved especially enjoyable.

Delegates in Attendance
Following is the list of delegates who attended the meeting: Arizona—Greenlee county, Pete Riley, John Ward, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nave, P. Anderson, H. H. Pirth, R. W. Simpson and wife, W. D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, J. C. Wright and wife, L. T. Scott and wife, E. H. Green and wife, Mr. Ritzer, W. L. Watkins, L. T. Sweeting, M. O. Sims, A. S. Carroll, Sam Abraham and wife, O. A. Risdon, Mr. and Mrs. Nonnamaker, W. F. Kelly, Dell M. Foster, H. D. Tanner, E. B. Travis and wife, J. G. Cooper, E. R. Shortridge and wife, T. S. Hughes and W. T. Davis, Graham county—Martin Layton, Fred Vaughtal, Willard Pace, O. F. Webster and Morin Layton.

Gila county—M. L. Andrus and F. Curtz.
Grant county, outside of Silver City

MRS. ANNIE LEE WORLEY



Mrs. Annie Lee Worley of Nashville, Tenn., is the first woman state senator in the history of Tennessee and the first woman elected to a legislature south of the Mason and Dixon line. Mrs. Worley succeeded her husband who died recently.

PIMA COUNTY WINS OVER MARICOPA IN ROAD PROJECT

An important road victory has been won by Pima over Maricopa county in gaining the cooperation of Yuma in the building of a highway that will place Tucson in direct communication with the California coast.

That this road would be constructed without fail was announced Saturday by R. E. Fishburn, chairman of the Pima highway commission, following an important conference with A. Conway, an engineer from Yuma.

Mr. Conway, Mr. Fishburn said, has just completed a survey from Stoval to Toney's well, which is in Pima county, that will mark the proposed cutoff and will continue on to Ajo. This means, Mr. Fishburn stated, that the through road to San Diego will be laid through Tucson, Ajo and Yuma instead of from Tucson through Phoenix to Yuma, a route that Maricopa county sought.

The Yuma engineer assured Mr. Fishburn that the building of the road from the Yuma end toward Tucson will be under way almost immediately. Mr. Fishburn said that construction work from the Tucson end would be begun as soon as is possible.

The decision of Yuma to turn a deaf ear to the persuasion of Maricopa and build toward Tucson instead of toward the capital city, will mean a shortening of the road from here to the coast of at least 80 miles, Mr. Fishburn said.

The contention between Maricopa and Pima in the matter of routing this highway has lasted for more than a year and a half.

While the road on from Ajo will not be a grade A road, it will be a fast thoroughfare with easy travel for automobiles during the entire course, the highway chairman stated. This, Mr. Fishburn thinks, will be completed by June 1. The road to Yuma will mean a direct route from Tucson to Yuma which will connect with the highway now under construction that will run from Yuma to El Centro, Calif. At that point the paved highway that reaches San Diego is encountered.

UNARMED, DAD DEMANDS THIEVES PUT HANDS UP; FAMILY SOCK IS SAVED!

El Paso, April 27—James Hamlin heard his wife arguing with burglars early this morning. They were asking her to divulge the hiding place of the family sock. Hamlin was unarmed, but the ruse he had in mind worked. He walked quietly to the door then shouted "hands up."

There was a dive for the window and an overcoat left behind gave police a clue to work on.
—B. L. Wise, T. C. Watkins, J. F. Allen, L. A. Cooper, V. A. Pollock and wife, Henry Rankin, A. L. Rose, G. F. Zumwalt, C. A. Zumwalt and N. M. Rankin.
Hidalgo county—N. J. Scott and F. R. Oon.
Catron county—S. J. Kidder.
Sierra county—C. C. Rhea and Fred V. Conniff.
Blythe California—M. L. Watson, E. S. McArthur, E. A. Lorton and E. H. Tetzlaff.
Chicago—A. N. Storms.

CHAINS COWBOY TO BIG COPPER SALES HITCHING POST; DANCE IN RIOT IN NEW YORK REPORTED

Mayer, Ariz., April 29—A near riot ruptured the peaceful tenor of life in Mayer this week when Deputy Sheriff James Cook invaded a dance hall and arrested George McDonald, a cowboy, for alleged disturbance of the peace.

McDonald and several others at the dance, according to the sheriff's office, had been partaking too freely of the extract that intoxicates and were consequently making too much noise.

Thomas Thompson, deputy sheriff at Mayer, had gone home from the dance satisfied that nothing was wrong before Deputy Sheriff Cook decided that things were perking up a bit too lively and threatened to stop the dance.

He finally arrested McDonald, handcuffed him and hitched him to the iron rail in front of the store by means of the bracelets.

He could have done nothing else, says the sheriff's office, since there is no jail at Mayer in which to incarcerate newly-arrested prisoners.

The spectacle of a man attached to the town hitching post in such a manner, however, aroused considerable indignation, and the crowd of cowboys which had collected forced Cook to release McDonald.

In Mayer it is alleged Cook told people at the dance that he had been instructed to make arrests wherever he found any drinking going on, and to close down the dance if he so much as smelled alcohol on the breath of any dancer.

DOUGLAS, April 26.—Optimism over the outlook for the future of copper is the keynote of a telegram received by the H. E. Dugan real estate and brokerage firm, from the New York representative. According to the message, the sales for the last month have aggregated 70,000,000 pounds, which theoretically means that 35,000,000 pounds of the surplus stocks were used up, as the curtailed production calls for only 40,000,000 pounds monthly. This is at a rate of 420,000,000 pounds annually, but, the telegram said, in event of a business revival, sales of 200,000,000 pounds monthly would not be surprising and surplus stocks would quickly disappear. There is still a dearth of copper in Europe, but the credit situation prevents purchase except for immediate needs.

The telegram also stated that it was generally believed that surplus stocks would be worked off rapidly and it would not be surprising to see copper prices advance in the near future.

GILA MOUNTAIN ROAD OPEN—Albuquerque, N. M., April 27.—The Big Burros mountains in the Gila national forest, near Silver City, are open for automobile traffic for the first time. The two and one-half miles of road cost \$1,600, the forest service co-operating with Gila County in the work.

Grist Gathered at Court House

The Peoples Bank and Trust Company has this week filed an action against J. W. Hackney and J. C. Smith, for the non-payment of a note in the sum of \$250.00 executed February 13th, 1920, which remains due and unpaid. The note is secured by a chattel mortgage, and the plaintiff prays that said mortgage be foreclosed. Mr. Smith is the endorser of the note.

Euna Miller was this week granted a decree of divorce from her husband Theodore E. Miller, on the ground of desertion and non-support. The plaintiff was also awarded the sole care and custody of their minor son, Theodore Raymond, the issue of said marriage, and the sum of \$25.00 per month for the support of said minor.

Oscar Albin Johnson, has this week filed his petition for naturalization with the Clerk of the Superior Court and will receive a hearing on same on September 6th, 1921.

The following marriage licenses were issued by Clerk of the Superior Court, Ben M. Crawford, the past week: Miguel Zuniga, to wed Ausencia Kojun, both parties being from Morenci; Jose L. Martinez, to wed Guadalupe Lozano, both parties being from Morenci.

Bills of Sale
Damasio Grijalva to Paul Becker
Julian Garcia to Anacleto Bustamante
Angel Ortiz et. ux. to Anacleto Bustamante
Clemaco Ortiz to Angel Ortiz et. al.
Jose A. Venegas to James J. Jones
Satisfaction of Mortgages
Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co. to Nellie L. Jay

Peoples Bank and Trust Co. to James Henry Jones
State Bank of Metcalf to Anita Sifuentes

First National Bank to Mosby Wilkerson
First National Bank to Ed Wilkerson
First National Bank to H. K. Gatlin et. al.

Peoples Bank and Trust Co. to Local No. 86, I. U. M. and S. W.
The Bank of Duncan to Louis Dean Chattel Mortgages

Carmen C. Garcia et. ux. to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
Juan Nevares to The Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
R. S. Johnson to The Arizona Copper Co.

J. R. Jones to A. H. Cooper
J. H. Jones to The Peoples Bank and Trust Co.
Bernardo Chivira to R. N. Williams
J. H. Jones to Peoples Bank and Trust Co.

C. B. Mackreth to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.
G. H. Ferguson to Peoples Bank and Trust Co.
F. R. Barr to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co.

Anita Sifuentes to State Bank of Metcalf
Thomas Fulcher et. al. to J. C. Gatti
E. W. Haynie to William Piersick
R. T. Bishop to The Arizona Copper Co.

Pat Sutherland to The First National Bank
Louis Dean to The Bank of Duncan
Assignment of Mortgage
William C. Packer to The Bank of Duncan

Warranty Deed
Matthew A. Clouse et. ux. to Earl J. Wilkins
Earl J. Wilkins, et. ux. to Matthew A. Clouse
Appointment of Deputy Sheriff
W. V. McCarty

SURVEY STARTED ON MULE CREEK HIGHWAY LINK

Assistant Engineer Shepherd, from the State Highway Department at Phoenix arrived in Clifton on Friday of this week, and began recruiting a surveying party, consisting of ten men. For the purpose of making a survey of the Mule Creek Interstate Highway Link, connecting the present Clifton-Franklin highway with the Silver City Mogollon State Highway, at or near the town of Jackson, New Mexico. The party will make camp at the Stockton ranch.

It is estimated that the distance to be constructed on the Arizona side of the line will be approximately sixteen miles and the new link will pass through what is known as Black Jack gap to the New Mexico boundary. The Grant county authorities have already constructed a portion of the link in New Mexico, running west from Jackson to the Mule Creek post office, and are pledged to make the connection at the Arizona boundary as soon as the Arizona authorities begin the construction of their portion of the road.

The coming of the state survey party at this time is the result of an agreement entered into with the Board of Supervisors of this county that the state engineer should make the survey, the expense of the same to be defrayed out of what is known as the seventy-five per cent state road fund.

The completion of the survey will establish the route and for the first time make available the approximate cost of the project. The plans of the state engineer for the construction of this important project have not as yet been divulged, but the surveyors arrived in the district almost simultaneously with the announcement that the federal office of public roads did not look with favor on the proposition recently submitted for the application of federal aid on the Clifton Springerville road.

Under the present existing conditions of the labor market it is the belief that the state fund belonging to this county, matched with federal aid, will be sufficient for the construction of the sixteen mile gap to Mule Creek.

HELEN CHANDLER



Helen Chandler, playwright and actress, is only twelve. John Barrymore, America's foremost actor, predicts a great future for her.

\$100,000,000 FOR LOANS TO CATTLE PRODUCERS URGED

Chicago, April 29—Legislation directing the Secretary of the Treasury to turn over \$100,000,000 of the profits of the Federal Reserve Bank to Federal Land Banks, to be loaned by the latter on stock cattle for the purpose of assisting producers, has been recommended as a part of the congressional program by W. P. G. Harding, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, according to a statement today by Everett C. Brown, president of the National Livestock Exchange.

Enactment of such legislation, in the opinion of Brown, would enable a multitude of livestock men, "who might otherwise be forced out of the business," to continue production. "Consumers also should receive a benefit from the increase in production thus made possible," the statement declared, adding:

"This plan for adequately financing livestock production follows a suggestion of M. L. McClure, former president of the National Livestock Exchange, to the International Farm Congress."

AIRPLAINS TO FLY OVER GRAND CANYON
Flagstaff, Ariz., April 29—It is reported on good authority that a company is now being organized to establish aviation grounds at Grand Canyon. The plan is to buy two or more airplanes of great carrying capacity and engine power and use them in carrying passengers who want to cross to cities in the north and also for the convenience of any persons who may have a hankering to see the big gorge from the air. The headquarters will not be far from the El Tovar and it is claimed, the plan is very likely to be put in operation this summer.

There has been considerable talk of this in the past few months and the company is now being formed, its promoters and numerous aviation experts having become convinced that the plan is entirely feasible and with remuneration.

RAILROADS RESUME EXCURSION RATES "BACK EAST"

For the first time since 1917 western railroads this summer will grant "back east" excursion rates, according to an announcement made by Passenger Traffic Manager C. S. Fee of the Southern Pacific Company. The rates will approximate a fare and a third for the round trip from California points, and tickets will be on sale between June 15 and August 15 inclusive, limited to three months by expiring not later than October 31. Stopovers will be granted going and coming except while in California. Diverse routes going and returning can not be chosen.

Reduced rates will also be in effect from certain points in Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. The rates will be to main points in the east, including Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, New York and Washington. Fares to middle-western points have been figured but the exact fares to points east of Mississippi are not known as yet. Some of the fares announced are as follows:
Denver, \$77.40; Omaha and Kansas City, \$87.60; Chicago and New Orleans \$106.80; St. Louis \$101.40.

MIAMI MINERS' WAGES CUT
Globe, April 27—The Miami Copper company announces a readjustment of wages will become effective May 1. Miners who have been receiving \$5.15 per shift will under the new wage scale, receive \$4.50, a cut of 65 cents per day. Muckers will also receive a cut of 65 cents per day and will receive \$4 per day. Surface employees, who at the present time are being paid \$2.90 per day will under the wage readjustment receive \$2.50.

SAY CHARGES FILED AGAINST BAILY ARE ONLY TECHNICAL

Postoffice inspectors are still at work in Bisbee gathering together all loose ends of evidence that led to the arrest of L. R. Baily, postmaster there, on a charge of appropriating \$175 of postal savings funds to his own use, which resulted from the investigation of the robbery of the postoffice on the night of April 3 of \$40,000 in currency.

The single charge that was filed here against Baily was merely for the purpose of holding him, according to the inspectors.

It is believed that when the mass of evidence being prepared by the inspectors is presented before the grand jury that it will be found to have a direct bearing on the robbery itself. The inspectors admitted Wednesday they have much evidence concerning the robbery that will be presented to the grand jury after it has been passed upon by the United States attorney at Tucson.

Preparing Evidence
A blue print of the postoffice is being prepared by the inspectors for use in presenting this evidence. This blue print shows the interior arrangements of the postoffice in detail where Baily was found bound and gagged on the morning after the robbery, the location of the safe and the vault area even the position of the various electric lights and windows.

Mysterious Letters
The inspectors are exceedingly methodical and it is a literal fact that they have been working both day and night ever since the robbery occurred. The finest thread that might have the slightest bearing in the case has not been too fine for them to follow, and they have followed many of them to the very end, to find either some significant fact that will fit in with the chain they are weaving, or to find that thread leads nowhere. They have received many letters, some of them anonymous, purporting to give information concerning the robbery.

This mass of carefully arranged evidence will be presented before the grand jury in the near future, or as soon as the four inspectors believe that they have secured every atom that can have any bearing on the case.

WESTERN UNION BUYS 10,000,000 LBS. OF COPPER
According to the Chicago Herald, the Western Union Telegraph Company has purchased 10,000,000 pounds of copper. The company is planning wire additions of between 35,000 and 40,000 miles. This will call for an additional purchase of about 10,000,000 pounds.

This company is willing to buy such a large quantity of copper because it knows that the metal is now selling below cost of production. Another large enterprise has been contracted for big quantities of copper for future requirements, because it feels that copper can safely be bought at current bargain prices.

FORMER "DRY" OFFICIAL INDICTED AT PHOENIX
Phoenix, Ariz., April 27—Roy Fridley, former prohibition enforcement agent, was indicted today by the federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition laws. He was arraigned before Judge William H. Sawtelle and pleaded not guilty. The date for his trial has not been set.

After Fridley was arrested several weeks ago, he was released under bond of \$5,000 and then failed to appear for his preliminary hearing. He later was arrested in Idaho and brought back to Phoenix.

Fridley is charged with having conspired to bring a consignment of intoxicating liquor from Yuma to Tucson and Phoenix.

"AMERICA DAY" PROCLAIMED
Phoenix, Ariz., April—Special meetings and services in the churches are being called for the day, as called for by Gov. Thomas E. Campbell, in a proclamation issued today, designating Sunday, May 1, as "America Day."