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The Russian fleets are reported sailing.

In so far as there has been any change in the strike situation in Chicago, the advantage seems to be on the side of the employers.

That long deferred naval battle between Russia and Japan, ought to be a push, when it does come off, they have been in training long enough to put up a good fight.

According to reports, President Roosevelt pays his own expenses and is under no obligation to any man or company for transportation. This leaves him free to act as he sees fit without violating any act of courtesy from any one.

Half of the famous L. S. ranch near Tascosa in the Texas Panhandle has been sold to Swift and Company of Chicago for something like half a million dollars. This fine estate on the Canadian river was established a quarter of a century ago by the late Lucien Scott of Leavenworth, Kansas.

We see by the Cimarron News that Walter W. Schlecht an engineer in the reclamation service who is assigned the work in Beaver county, is there looking for a dam site. It is to be hoped that he will decide on a site in time for the senatorial committee, that is to visit the Southwest in June in the interest of reclamation, to stop and look over the proposed site.

W. D. Walk a butcher employed at the grocery and meat market of James Rose 802 Southwest boulevard, Kansas City, Mo., won a prize of \$10,000.00 by guessing within six of the correct number of paid admission to the worlds fair at St. Louis last year. His guess being 12,804,611 the correct figure, was six more than that number.

Babies are to have a day of their own at the Lewis and Clark Fair. Dan McAllen, the "Father of the exposition," who suggested the fair idea nine years ago, will have charge of arrangements for the baby show, and the babies are assured of a good time if Dan has anything to say about it. There will be prizes for the prettiest baby, the healthiest baby, the thinnest baby and every other breed of baby. Mr. McAllen is busy arranging a program for the day.

Since the advent of railroads development has been rapid throughout New Mexico, and the transition from all that is associated with the "Wild West" to the improvements and mode of living prevalent in eastern sections of our country, has been almost complete. In the larger towns are to be found public schools, buildings, banks, stores, electric cars and every other feature essential to comfort in its modern sense; while the farmers and stockmen in the country districts have adopted all the latest methods and appliances used by their eastern competitors. With more capital available to develop the many natural resources, New Mexico will soon take her place as one of the important producers of this great American commonwealth.

A disastrous storm swept over Kansas last week, many lives lost.

The Cimarron News states there is a fight on J. B. Taborn, secretary of the board of agriculture, at Guthrie, Oklahoma while this fight is not our affair we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Taborn at the irrigation congress at El Paso last fall and believe him to be a man eminently fitted for the position he fills and is trying to do his duty, and we believe it is the duty of all fair minded men to uphold him in the matter. His work in irrigation matters speak for itself, in interesting the government in irrigation along the Cimarron river that is something that interests Union County New Mexico, as well as Beaver County Oklahoma, and we trust that Mr. Taborn will hold his position despite the howls of his would be successors.

We are in receipt of a very interesting communication in which the writer criticises the young women of the day who consider it to be one grand waltz, with intermissions to procure ice cream and new gowns. He does not hold however that all males are destined to be angels; in fact, he thinks many of them will be put at stoking the fires in their warm future. But he asks whether young people nowadays in contracting marriage are prepared to give each other a square deal. He asks for a reply from the young women, Perhaps some of them can give him an answer—and give it to him good.

No greater emphasis could be given to the fact that the Equitable Life Assurance Society is really a mutual life insurance company in which the interests and right of the policy holders are recognized as paramount, than the success of the recent effort to confer upon policy holders the right of electing a majority of the society's directors. The amended charter designed to carry into effect this reform, was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, and although its operation is temporarily arrested through litigation it seems the action of the board will be upheld by the court. Policy holders should suffer no uneasiness as regards the financial standing of the company as the insurance commissioner of New York has announced that the company is solvent.

The Denver Republican of May 7th published an article on the Horrors of Voodoo worship in the West Indies, after giving an account of the execution of two Voodoo cannibals. It shifts the scene to New Mexico, where it says the "Devil Dancers dance on beds of live coals and cactus thorns, winding up by mutilation—the eating of tarantulas, scorpions and rattlesnake heads." Then the scene is shifted back to the West Indies again. The Republican must be jealous of the peace and harmony that prevails in New Mexico and wants to bring her into a little notoriety. Even if we had the Devil Dancers, they could not attract the attention that a Colorado election does. Is it any wonder that Colorado is rent with internal strife when her daily papers are filled with such pipe dreams? And the Denver Field and Farm, gives New Mexico a send off when it says, "It seems that Satan is to come also," upon hearing that a colony of Palaccos were to settle upon a 2500 acre tract of land in the Pecos Valley, New Mexico, we can take a few more nationalities and still have a more peaceable class of citizens than Colorado.

A Dastardly Crime

Committed at Folsom, New Mexico. Lynching narrowly averted.

On last Sunday morning as the little children of Henry Southern bridge foreman on the C. & S. R.R. were out along the track gathering flowers, they were approached by Juan Lucero who seized Myrtle aged nine years and carried her struggling and fighting to the rocks, near by. She cried to her brother to hit the brute with rocks, whereupon he drew his knife and frightened the others away. They ran back to the station house where the boarding cars were on the side track, and screamed to their mother that a man was killing Myrtle with a knife. Mrs. Southern seized a shot gun and started in the direction of the assault, but was soon over taken by a man who took the gun and hurried on. In the mean time the day track walker came upon the scene, when the criminal ran away but was soon overtaken and captured. When the officers, Levi Tabor and Dan Padillo, deputy sheriffs, arrived with the man he was taken to the Livery Stable for a while, and soon after a crowd of men began to gather and the sentiment among them boded no good for the prisoner.

The officers realizing this and determining to land their prisoner safely behind the bars acted quickly. While Deputy Sheriff Tabor went out in front of the barn and commenced to address the crowd, Deputy Padillo hurried his prisoner out the back way into a buggy and headed for Clayton, after he had a good start Deputy Tabor mounted a horse and knowing which way the prisoner had been taken soon over took them and brought their man to Clayton arriving here about 7 A. M. next morning and placed the prisoner safely in jail. He was given a preliminary hearing the same day before Justice of the Peace John Spring, and pleaded guilty to the charge of rape, and was remanded to jail in default of \$3000.00 bail. Office s Tabor and Padillo are to be commended for their actions in this matter, it is bad enough as it is, but let the law take its course.

The way the majority of the residents of the southern part of the county want the change in their mail routes made, is for the mail to leave Clayton and Bueyeros of a morning and meet at Clapham at noon, Clapham being just about half way, then the mail to leave Beenham of a morning and meet the Clayton mail at Clapham at noon and return to Beenham in the afternoon, this would give all the people in that section their daily mail the same day it leaves Clayton, also gets their mail to Clayton the same day it leaves the different offices. As it is now it takes two days for the mail to reach Bueyeros a distance of forty-eight miles. The change that is being asked for would be of the greatest service to the greatest number.—Claphamite.

The future for sheepmen in Union county was never brighter than at the present time, according to the statement of a prominent sheepman a few days ago. The range is in fine condition for grazing, the percentage of increase is going to be high, the market is high for both wool and mutton and there is a steady and healthy demand for both. The sheepmen in this part of the country are naturally feeling highly elated over the outlook.

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