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PLANNED TO ABDUCT GOV. OTERO'S SON

It now develops that the capture of Claude Doane in Tous canyon, near Lordsburg on Saturday by Officers Ben Williams and Fred Foranoff, which an account appears on another page, nipped in bud the execution of one of the boldest crimes ever concocted in the history of the Southwest.

In order to get even with Governor Otero for not granting him a pardon, Doane had laid careful plans to abduct Miguel Otero, Jr., the young son of the governor, and hold the boy for a heavy ransom. Those who were to assist Doane in this daring piece of work were a couple of convicts, now confined in the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe, but whose terms are soon to expire.

But Doane's capture is now believed to have upset these plans and also to have put a stop to the organization of a desperate band of outlaws, who had planned numerous bank and train robberies throughout New Mexico and Colorado.

The present conditions of prosperity, as applicable to the citizens here in Union county, are very gratifying. The season up to the present has been all that the rancher or stockman could desire, and one of the principle industries of our territory has been, everything taken into consideration, better than ever before in the history of the territory, viz: the sheep industry. But unfortunately the past development of conditions of which we have had no control, have been such that changes must be made in order that the recuperation from the hard circumstances of the past few years may be permanent and effectual, as applicable to our county at large. It is becoming evident that we are strangling the goose which lays the golden egg. Many of our smaller sheep men have found themselves in circumstances, so hard, that they are practically unable to take advantage of the present good times, owing to the fact of having to encroach upon their capital to live, and remain in the business. This is naturally one of the most discouraging conditions for a business man to contend with, and in order for the improved conditions to arise, the business relations of the stock man and the merchant should be one of forbearance, and encouragement under the present conditions of the sheep industry with us; many of the small investments in that business, by legitimate measures and assistance, can be trippled in five years, greatly increasing the financial stability of the county. Where, just at the present crisis, if a reasonable amount of leniency and moderation is not exercised, the ranching industry and population of our country will decrease. There should be a concentrated action on the part of our thinking citizens, to influence sheep growers, to retain all ewe lambs, and stock sheep in the county at present, that is possible. The southern end of the county is not fully stocked, and at present values, the growth and increase of stock sheep, is worth more than the twelve per cent that a loan contracted, to re-

tain them in the country, is worth, from an investment point of view.

Supreme Court Justice Brewer in a recent interview expressed his firm belief in the desirability of woman suffrage. He said in part: "When I was a young man I thought that female suffrage was a theory. To day by the knowledge that years of experience have brought, I am firmly convinced that what I regarded as theories are practical to day. The only way to prove a theory is to test it. We are now engaged in testing the theory of female suffrage. In four states it has been tried and not found wanting.—Bever Herald

We wonder if the gentleman of the exalted position ever heard of the state of Colorado.

DALHART'S celebrated fall festivities, known as barbecue and melon feast, will be held this year on September 6 and 7. Arrangements are already under way to eclipse all former efforts. Special attention will be given to agricultural and garden products for which good prizes will be given for displays. Arrangements have been made to place these products in the east where they can be viewed by the citizens of states who are skeptical of the productiveness of the celebrated "staked plains."—Dalhart Texas.

District Attorney Leahy, of Raton, was in Clayton, Tuesday. Mr. Leahy came through to Folsom, overland, purposely to encounter the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific R. R. surveyors, who are surveying out a route around west and south of the mountains leading from the coal fields near Raton east. The survey will cross the C. & S. at Demoina, about seven miles this side of Folsom and on the divide through this county between the Currampa and Cimarron or else follow some canyon into the valley of the Cimarron river, and on through western Kansas and Missouri into St. Louis. Mr. Leahy informed us that property had advanced in Raton ten to twenty five per cent during the last few days. There are several other rumors in regard to this road.

A car load of machinery arrived here Tuesday for the Sater Copper Company consisting of two large engines and considerable other machinery. This makes about six engines that this Company has on its works, and this with the output of the shaft, convinces us that it is no pipe dream, but a copper mine in reality. The next step must necessarily be a rail road leading to the copper belt before much ore can be handled. One of the promoters of the Coronado while in Clayton last week stated to us that some of their men were in the East now trying to direct the attention of some railroad to these mines, and if they failed the Coronado and Sater Companies would probably put in a narrow gauge from Clayton to the mines. A word to the business men of Clayton: Don't you think it would be wise to give this matter some attention.

The largest incorporation fee ever paid into the territorial treasury was that received last Saturday by J. W. Reynolds, secretary of the Territory, when the St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Company paid \$1,100, as required by law, for the filing of the following articles of incorporation: St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific Company. The incorporators are Henry Koehler, Hugo Koehler, of St. Louis, and Charles

Springer, of Cimarron, New Mexico. The principal place of business is Raton New Mexico, and Jeremiah Leahy is named as agent. The objects of this company are to mine, quarry, excavate, bor and otherwise produce iron, coal stone and other minerals; to acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, coal mines, iron mines, mineral lands and other lands and property, and mineral and mining rights; to develop, mine and operate such mines and property; to buy and sell coal and other mineral; to manufacture, purchase and sell coke, iron, and all by products to produce and deal in gas and oil; to purchase, sell, lease, and build houses, store buildings, and other buildings; to do a general merchandise business; to do a general real estate business; to acquire water rights and privileges; to construct pipe lines and main and establish water works, with all the equipment to manufacture and produce electricity. The capital stock is \$11,000,000 divided into 110,000 shares at \$100 each of which 10,000 shares are preferred stock and 100,000 shares are common stock. The number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by the by-laws but it fixed at more than three shall be some multiple of three. Those who will manage the affairs of the company for the first three months are the incorporators.

U. S. Commissioner Skelley was in town doing some trading Wednesday, from Mineral.

The Fourth of July committee have decided to give a ball at the Eklund Hall, July 22, proceeds to go to making up the deficiency yet in the expense account.

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Charley Spurgeon and wife arrived yesterday from a visit to Mrs. Spurgeon's father and mother in Arizona. They departed on the mail back this morning for their home at Reguier.

Mr. Caldwell and family, from Ennis, Texas, passed through here this morning enroute for W. T. Hughes' ranch north of the Cimarron.

Dissolution of Copartnership

The heretofore existing Copartnership between Geo. Murphy and S. Vandewart known as the firm of Murphy & Vandewart; dealers in Hides and Wool and pelts in the town of Clayton, Union county and in the town of Tucuman, Quay county New Mexico has been dissolved by mutual consent. Clayton, N. M. July 6, 1905

Signed: Geo. Murphy
 S. Vandewart

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